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Speeding fines down despite new zone rules

In playground and school zones. Parents say student safety remains a concern

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City police appear to be nabbing fewer playground and school-zone speeders despite having more hours in the day to do so.

Data provided to Metro Thursday indicates motorists were caught driving over speed limit of 30 kilometres an hour on 6,150 occasions in the month of September, down from 6,345 in the same month last year.

The slight drop was a little surprising to police and parents alike, as it came during the first month that officers planned to enforce extended times in which the low-speed zones were in effect.

In July, city council voted to standardize school and playground zones so that both were in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Previously those areas saw speeds reduced from 7:30 a.m to 5 p.m. while playground zone limits were in effect from 8:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset.

Police Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey said August acted as a "grace period" in which his officers focused on building awareness about the new times and handing out warnings.

"It was very topical," he said. "I would say that raised a bit more awareness. Even though you had a lot more traffic on the road (with the return of school) and you might expect to see more summonses being issued, I think all the pre-publicity had something to do with that (decrease)."

The Calgary Association of Parents & School Councils is credited with helping steer the province to allow municipalities to set their own playground-zone times in a bid to promote safety. President Karen Lloyd said Thursday, however, that the added measures aren't enough on their own to alleviate issues around schools.

She encouraged communities with ample space nearby to organize a "kiss and drop zone" for parents driving their kids. For those in more crowded residential settings, Lloyd said the key is to have parents take "ownership" of the problem and develop community-specific solutions.

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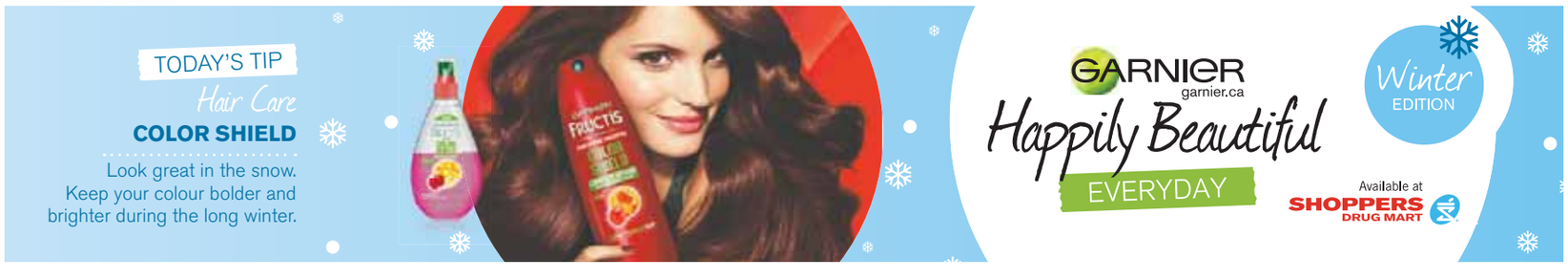
Lindsay Beutel, carrying her infant son, kneels by the cross that reads Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the Calgary Field of Crosses. See story, page 16. HELEN PIKE/METRO



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What can Alberta Uber recruits, users expect?

Ride-sharing. Toronto driver says he loves the gig, customers are 'very happy'

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For Praveen Falla, the Uber model is a win-win for customers and drivers alike.

He began trolling Toronto's busy streets three weeks ago, fielding smartphone requests for a ride. Patrons hopping inside his Honda Accord pay 30-35 per cent less than they would for a ride with a rival cabbie. Falla, in turn, gets to set his own hours.

"It's fantastic," he said. "I've done close to 100 rides so far. People are very happy with Uber.

"I do it as a part-time job — I have another job. That's the flexibility of Uber, you can work whenever you want. There are no schedules for you to work with them. When you want to work, you work. You want to take off one month? You take it off, nothing to worry."

Falla was introduced to the fledgling e-hailing app by a friend. To get started, Uber officials performed a criminal background check and a review of his driving history — two blemishes on his road record and Falla said he would have been denied a chance to work for the company.

Officials also encourage drivers to use a 2006 or later vehicle model and performed a full interior and exterior inspection of Falla's Accord.

He passed the screening and now says he works seven to eight hours a day for UberX, the everyman driver service offered by the company that has come under fire from insurance advocates and municipalities alike.

Last month, the Insurance Bureau of Canada convened a special meeting amid growing concerns that drivers such as Falla were shuttling people around without proper commercial-vehicle coverage.

Uber officials have committed to bringing their service to Calgary or Edmonton, and began recruiting potential drivers in the provincial capital this week.

Ads have also been posted on Facebook attempting to find drivers for Uber endeavours in Calgary. Asked about his insurance, Falla said he's got nothing more than a typical driver.

Still, he said he's not worried.

"We don't go for any long trips," he said of his habits and those of other Uber drivers. "We just go a few blocks — two blocks, three blocks — no longer than that."

Phone fares

Toronto Uber driver Praveen Falla said he nets about $10 per hour after covering expenses incurred while working for the e-hailing service.

- Of seven drivers approached by Metro on Thursday, only Falla was willing to share his experience with the company.

Uber has created quite the buzz in Calgary and Edmonton, but not everyone's in favour of the e-hailing app. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Uber officials have also said personal driver policies are bolstered by a $5-million auto liability insurance contingency that covers bodily injury and property insurance, but Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi said in a recent Metro interview that requests from city administrators to review the company's policy have fallen on deaf ears.

"When they're willing to actually sit down with us, we'll sit down with them," the mayor said.

In Edmonton, meanwhile, cab drivers say they're shocked by recruiting efforts launched by Uber.

Balraj Manhas, president of the United Cabbies Association, said he knows of many drivers carrying only personal automobile insurance that signed on.

"It's very shocking," he said. "They told me it's not a taxi (company) they're running, they're running a technology company."

WITH FILES FROM LEAH HOLOIDAY

Tee time fleeting in YYC: Prof

Golf courses. Land-use zoning changes can happen much faster for links than parks

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Golf courses may have a permanent feel — especially to people who live right next to them — but they are increasingly fleeting land uses in rapidly growing urban centres, says a leading real-estate expert.

"The land is a lot more profitable doing something else," said Tsur Somerville, director of the UBC Centre for Urban Economics and Real Estate. "But for this to happen, it's got to be in a city that's growing and booming."

It's a realization that has come perhaps too late for those who live near and love Harvest Hills Golf Course in northeast Calgary, which was recently sold to local residential developer Cedarglen Homes.

Area residents plan to continue fighting the proposed development — which remains in its infancy, with no specific plans at this point — but admit they didn't see the change coming until a point where it may be too late.

When Joe Laratta bought his home 12 years ago, he said he "absolutely" thought the golf course would be a fixture, forever.

Tyler Hahn, who bought his first home in Harvest Hills in 1994, said he had no idea at that time what the land-use designation for the golf course was, but today he can tell you it's zoned "special purpose recreation district" and that it's not particularly hard for a new landowner to get that zoning changed.

Both he and Laratta said they initially thought of the golf course in the same category as city parks — a common but incorrect perception, according to Somerville.

"Most of these golf courses have been golf courses for a long time, and that can make it feel like a city park," Somerville said. "And city parks never change."

Rick Michalenko, a senior planner with the City of Calgary, said parks are typically designated as "municipal reserve" land, and while that "technically" can change, it's a more complex undertaking.

"It can happen," he said. "But there is a whole other process just to consider disposition of those lands."

Zoning for privately owned recreation land, by contrast, "can change with ownership and can change in a shorter time frame," Michalenko said.

Laratta worries Calgary will soon lose more golf courses and said the city should treat courses in a similar capacity to parks when it comes to land-use changes.

"Now I feel like this is going to happen much more frequently, and it's a real shame," he said. "A city needs to have that green space. We need to have that connection to nature."

Brent and Troy Skene hit the links at Buffalo Run Golf Course, just outside the city, on July 10, before it closed for the season to make way for the new southwest ring road. Calgary's Shawnee Slopes and Highland Park golf courses have also closed and are slated for residential developments, and now the Harvest Hills course is facing a similar fate. METRO FILE

CEMA defends 'aggressive' spending on equipment

Derailed oil cars dangle precariously over the Bonnybrook bridge in June 2013. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO FILE

Calgary Emergency Management Agency will work to better track how it spends money in future disasters but won't shy away from "aggressive" purchasing where needed, deputy chief Tom Sampson told city councillors Thursday.

"I would far rather sit in front of you and talk to you about how I might have overspent $150,000 or even $1.5 million than sit in front of a board of inquiry surrounding the death of people," Sampson said during an audit committee meeting.

An audit of CEMA's spending during Calgary's historic June 2013 flood resulted in several recommendations to improve tracking of where dollars go when on-the-fly decisions are made during future disasters.

Sampson agreed with the recommendations but also said emergencies are no time to pinch pennies.

For example, when several train cars carrying petroleum products derailed on the Bonnybrook bridge amid all the other flood-related chaos, Sampson said the agency had to quickly acquire equipment that could deal with numerous contingencies.

"We ordered cranes and we ordered a number of different types of cranes," he said. "But in the end, we only used one of them. But we had a contingency plan, in the event that Plan A did not go well."

2013 state of emergency

$61.6M

The total amount CEMA spent through 768 purchase orders during the state of local emergency in the summer of 2013. In addition, $1.6 million was spent on 2,343 credit-card purchases.

Sampson highlighted another recent disaster — the 2012 mall collapse in Elliot Lake, Ont., that killed two people — as what can happen when contingencies aren't planned for.

"They had one plan that they invested in that failed," he said.

A report published last month on the disaster determined one of the people killed, Lucie Aylwin, "might have been rescued" and highlighted numerous concerns about the rescue effort and planning.

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Michael Bacon says he didn't receive his first EI payment until six weeks after his claim was filed. He says the delay put him in dire straits and he received the money just two days before his rent was due. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

EI delays left chef on brink of homelessness

Holes in safety net. Homeless advocate pushing for housing benefit to aid up to 20,000 precarious Calgary households

Laid off on Sept. 18, Michael Bacon didn't panic — at least not at first.

Without a paycheque, the Calgary chef knew making rent would be a problem in November, but he figured this was exactly the kind of situation Employment Insurance was for, and the Service Canada website informed him — in bold lettering — the first EI payment will "usually be issued within 28 days" of filing a claim.

Except that didn't happen.

"At about 30 days, I became concerned," Bacon said. "I didn't have much of a severance from the job and I had rent coming up."

Suddenly, he had a "quite frightening" realization: "I could, in fact, be homeless."

After numerous phone calls and finally a 90-minute in-person visit to a Service Canada office, Bacon said he finally received his first payment on Oct. 29 — six weeks after his claim was filed and two days before his rent was due. It was a close call, one he said opened his eyes about the housing and social service situation in Canada generally and Calgary, specifically.

"I kind of view it as a safety net with a big hole in it," Bacon said.

Tim Richter, president of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, said economic factors are at play for 90 per cent of people who end up homeless.

"They just can't afford the rent," he said. "It's either a lack of affordable housing or a lack of income."

That's why Richter has been promoting the idea of a national "housing benefit" — a lump sum paid monthly to those in "extreme housing need" — to make their situations less "precarious."

Estimates suggest there are 17,000 to 20,000 such households in Calgary, Richter said.

"We believe by targeting those people with a housing benefit, we can begin to stem the flow of people into homelessness," he said.

Bacon said he's "more fortunate" than many others in the city and likely wouldn't have faced immediate homelessness, even if the EI delays persisted, but the brush with that possibility was "quite scary" and challenges still lie ahead.

"In Calgary I'm finding, at least in my industry … it's very difficult to live beyond a hand-to-mouth type of an existence and sock away enough of an emergency fund," he said.

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EI claims

Service Canada's response

Service Canada didn't provide a spokesperson to speak with Metro for this story, but in an email said the "labour market situation and other factors" at different points in the year "may lead to variations in the volume of Employment Insurance claims … which could affect the timeliness in making payments from one week to the next."

"Currently, the majority of all EI claimants have received their first payment within 28 days of application," Julie Hahn of the Service Canada Media Relations Office said.

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City denies application to erect gas station on site of 2010 leak

Gas Plus. Residents are pleased, but businessman claims he's a victim of politics

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A development permit notice is seen pasted to the former site of a Gas Plus station along Bowness Road NW. The station was torn down following a major 2010 fuel leak. METRO FILE

Plans to erect a new Bowness gas station on the site of a major 2010 fuel leak appear to be evaporating — and community members say they couldn't be happier.

The City of Calgary confirmed an application to put a new Gas Plus location at 6336 Bowness Rd. NW was denied in mid-October because it didn't comply with development plans, though company owner Sal Handel has filed a notice of appeal.

In 2010, 9,000 litres of fuel from the station formerly located on the plot leaked into the soil, prompting three homes to be declared uninhabitable by the province due to high benzene readings.

Residents in the area have feared those toxic gases could be hazardous to their long-term health. Handel insisted in an interview this week, however, that the site has been fully remediated and he's simply the victim of "political things."

"Between the mayor of Calgary and Alberta Environment, directors and so on, for whatever reason, they're running this thing so it's escalated to BP blowout in the ocean," he said. "They're making it look like it's the same thing when it's really an eyedropper in the middle of an Olympic-sized swimming pool. They've been escalating this the last four years and we can't seem to stop it — it's like a virus."

Mike Crawford, director of planning and communications with the Bowness Community Association, said resident opposition to the proposed redevelopment was fierce — his group was included in at least 40 emails to the city opposing Handel's application.

"There are still houses that have to vent out hydrocarbons in their yards, to my understanding," he said. "There are properties that are unsellable based on the current status of the situation and, in the community as a whole, there's a lot of concern and a loss of trust in terms of how far the environmental impact has spread."

Beyond that, he said the stretch of road where Gas Plus once operated has changed over time and a business like that no longer belongs.

"The city's pushing higher-density and transit-oriented developments and walkable, liveable streets and gas stations are not conducive to any part of that ," he said.

Area Coun. Ward Sutherland echoed Crawford's opinion.

"When you look at the business corridor, a gas station doesn't belong there," he said.

Alberta Environment has taken the reins on remediating the Gas Plus site and has yet to give indication that the work is complete.

Wainwright

Soldier dies of injuries after training exercise

A soldier has died after being injured in a training exercise at a military base in Alberta.

The Department of National Defence says the 20-year-old private was inside a tactical structure at the Wainwright base on Monday when it collapsed.

Steven Allen of Victoria was airlifted to an Edmonton hospital, where he died.

Another soldier who was also inside the structure received minor injuries.

The military says it cannot release further details about what happened.

Allen joined the military a year ago and completed his basic military qualifications in February.

"The loss of any soldier is devastating to the military community and our condolences go out to his family and friends," said Brig.-Gen. Wayne Eyre, commander of the 3rd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force West.

"While Pte. Allen's time in the Canadian Armed Forces was short, his decision to join and pursue a career in the Canadian army speaks to the strength and determination of his character." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Students speak up against university tuition fee hikes

#myvoicemyfuture.
Legislature protest in the works as market modifiers loom

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University of Calgary student Kalista Sherbaniuk was among those who took part in the #myvoicemyfuture event Thursday to shed light on the effects of rising costs for post-secondary studies. COURTESY LEVI NILSON

Dozens of University of Calgary students sent a message straight to the provincial post-secondary minister Thursday as they await word on proposed tuition hikes in three programs at their school and many more elsewhere.

Wielding placards with such slogans as "my debt will haunt me for years to come as is" and "I'd rather run a naked mile than pay more," students had their picture taken and then tweeted it out using the hashtag #myvoicemyfuture.

It's expected the province will announce Nov. 17 which programs at institutions around the province it will approve for market-modifier hikes, which are an exception to the legislated increase for tuition at the rate of inflation. At the U of C, for example, costs for the engineering program could spike 31.6 per cent.

Student leaders have been quick to criticize the potential hikes, pointing to comments made by former Advanced Education Minister Doug Horner in 2010, when he said if modifier hikes were approved that would be "one-time only."

The U of C has said any approved hikes would be grandfathered in, meaning they wouldn't affect students currently enrolled in engineering as well as law and the graduate business administration program, which were also both proposed for a market modifier.

But Levi Nilson of the campus Students' Union said more than 100 students took part in the #myvoicemyfuture campaign Thursday and many weren't even studying in the programs being proposed for modifiers.

"It can happen at any time, to any program … it's very scary that this sort of loophole is still on the books," he said.

Romy Garrido, a political science student, was photographed with a message that read "Education shouldn't be ONLY for those who can afford it." She said the modifiers, if approved, could set precedent for other faculties, including hers, to follow suit with hike proposals.

"I really do wish more students were involved," she said. "Just because these proposals aren't affecting everybody directly, I do think we have to keep our government in check … students, citizens, families, I think everybody should be involved in the conversation."

Both U of C students and those from Mount Royal University, where officials have also proposed three programs for modifiers, are also expected to hop aboard a bus Nov. 17 and head to the provincial legislature building in Edmonton to protest alongside students from the University of Lethbridge, and Grant MacEwan University. MacEwan students, specifically, are not facing the prospects of modifier hikes this time around, but still felt it important to take part, Nilson said.

Quoted

"Roses are red, violets are blue, market modifiers suck."

#myvoicemyfuture sign from a University of Calgary student

Rocky View. DISCERN closure riles up students

Rocky View students are crying foul over a decision by trustees representing Calgary-bedroom community schools to disband their group.

DISCERN, the Division-wide Initiative for Student Consultation, Engagement, Representation and Networking, was formed "from the ground up" in 2010-11, according to Donivan Ryan, the group's executive advisor and an alumni of Airdrie's George McDougall High School.

"Essentially, the main purpose was to be that bridge between the students and the board (of trustees)," he said. "Rocky View Schools is a very geographically vast division and it has over 21,000 students. So, in order to give those students a voice that can be heard across the division, it's quite a daunting task."

But Rocky View trustees recently voted to end DISCERN and instead focus on support for a student leadership academy as well as a series of "speak out" forums, said Ira Stroh, director of schools. He said DISCERN "was not really able to gain traction" over the years.

"The high-school students weren't really aware of who they were. So, in terms of getting broader representation and more student voice, the trustees have elected to go in a couple of different directions," Stroh said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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TransCanada Corp. First Nations talks on pipeline on the right path: Fontaine

Engaging with aboriginal groups along the route of the proposed Energy East pipeline hasn't been without its challenges, but the former chief of the Assembly of First Nations believes TransCanada Corp. is on the right track.

Phil Fontaine has been working with TransCanada on the community outreach aspect of Energy East, a $12-billion proposed pipeline that would ship Alberta crude to refineries and export terminals in Quebec and New Brunswick.

"I've really been impressed with the company's commitment to full engagement with aboriginal communities. In my view, they get it," Fontaine told reporters after a speech to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

"The community outreach has been impressive. We're involved in that of course in a big way and it's not without it's challenges, but I believe we're on a good path."

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"I've really been impressed with the company's commitment to full engagement with aboriginal communities. In my view, they get it."

Phil Fontaine, former chief of the Assembly of First Nations, on TransCanada Corp.'s proposed Energy East pipeline

TransCanada filed its regulatory application for Energy East to the National Energy Board a week ago. Several environmental groups have vowed to fight the pipeline, raising concerns over the ecological harm that would result from a spill as well the project's enabling role in oilsands growth.

The company says it has met with 158 First Nations and Métis communities across the six provinces the pipeline would traverse.

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HOW YOU SHOW YOUR RESPECT IS UP TO YOU. JUST RESPECT

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Are we respectful? How should we show appreciation? How do we really say "thank you"?

These are important questions that often arise at this time of the year. Earlier this week, W. Brett Wilson tweeted: "Reminder to retailers — until November 12th — don't even think about #XmasDecorations — yup — #RespectOurVeterans w/ the #RedPoppy PleaseRT"

But, is it disrespectful? Would a veteran be offended if I drank a gingerbread latte before Nov. 11? (Don't get me wrong, I never would, they're terrible.)

I've thought a lot about the idea of respect. Actually, I do, every year, around Remembrance Day. Whenever I attend the ceremony, I always wonder if I'm doing it right. Am I being sad enough? Am I being respectful? Do I look thankful?

It's hard to measure one's thankfulness. That ceremony is probably the longest amount of time I go without checking my phone or talking. For some, that's respectful. It feels like I'm remembering, it feels like I appreciate those who do the job I could never imagine doing.

But, is it enough?

So some businesses use the first week of November to get ready for a busy holiday season. Who cares? It's not like they're choosing to celebrate one and not recognize the other. And how is a department store or small shop in Inglewood supposed to commemorate Remembrance Day, specifically? Perhaps if a business said no to selling poppies because it "messed with their festive vibe," then that would be a problem. For the most part, however, businesses are just being businesses. As long as they're not trying to make a profit off of Remembrance Day, isn't that OK enough?

Back in 2010, Eddie Bauer launched a weeklong "Remembrance Day" sale. The campaign was met with disgust, which is good. It is disgusting.

In Canada, we've established that there's no place for using Remembrance Day as an opportunity to pitch your business. In the U.S., however, it's a different story. Retailers routinely offer up Veterans Day sales, and no one seems to think there's anything amiss. This year's Veterans Day sale on Amazon will get you up to 50 per cent off selected toys and electronics. But, then again, we've always done statutory holidays differently than our American counterparts. Have you seen how they celebrate Thanksgiving? Terrifying.

I could be wrong — it tends to happen once a year – but I've always thought that Canadians do a good job of recognizing the sacrifice that soldiers have made for us. I think there probably is a knowledge gap, which likely comes from our not fully understanding what so many of our veterans went through.

We could watch dozens of war movies, read about it in as many books as we want or talk to all the veterans, but the truth is, most of us will never really fully understand.

So we do what we can. For years, Ward 12 Coun. Shane Keating has been advocating to make ribbon-shaped decals supporting military, paramedics, firefighters and police, mandatory on city-owned vehicles. Is that really a way of showing respect? For some people it is, and that's enough.

For others, that means wearing a poppy the moment they become available. And for all of us, at least, I hope all of us, that means taking time on Nov. 11 to remember the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf. What you do before then is up to you.

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Calgary resident Jim Darrell took photos of this flag-based crosswalks in Port Orchard, Wash., over the summer. COURTESY OF JIM DARRELL

Crosswalk flags a 'great' low-tech approach?

Looking both ways. Despite enthusiasm from Calgary's leader of traffic safety, opinion of the flags ranges from 'moderately effective' to 'silly'

Crosswalk flags aren't for everybody, but they can have a place in a broader pedestrian strategy, says a transportation manager in Kirkland, Wash., which has employed the devices for nearly 20 years.

"It's not like the sole answer to all things — because we're doing all kinds of other things — it's just a thing that many people find popular," David Godfrey said Thursday.

The experience in Washington State was raised Wednesday by Calgary's leader of traffic safety operations Tony Churchill, who told city councillors in a committee meeting he'd seen some "great examples" of the low-tech approach being effective there.

The mere suggestion surprised and angered many Calgarians, however, who joked online about the devices being flags of surrender to the city's largely auto-centric culture.

A recent article from The Atlantic magazine's CityLab project, written after crosswalk flags were introduced in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., also described the idea as "silly" and suggested it could add to the stigma in some places that travelling on foot is "somehow weird or embarrassing."

The City of Berkeley, Calif., tried crosswalk flags as a pilot project in 2001 but abandoned it in 2004 after concluding it "did not appear to have a significant effect on pedestrian safety."

A 2006 study from the U.S. Transportation Research Board, however, which looked at the flags in both Kirkland and Salt Lake City, Utah, found the flags to be "moderately effective," with an average yield rate from motorists of 65 per cent.

That was better than the 58 per cent yield rate for all flashing-beacon crosswalks examined in the study.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Vern Kimball

Stampede CEO retiring after nearly 30 years

The chief executive officer of what's billed as "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" is retiring next spring.

Vern Kimball has been chief executive officer of the Calgary Stampede since 2006.

The Stampede says on its website that before becoming CEO, Kimball was chief operating officer for two years, chief financial officer for 10 years and held significant roles in food services, sales and facilities, and long-range planning since joining the organization in 1986.

The Stampede says Warren Connell, who is currently vice-president of park development, will take over as CEO when Kimball retires at the end of March.

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Lacombe

Man pleads guilty to charges in death of fellow hunter

A central Alberta man has pleaded guilty to two firearms-related charges in the accidental shooting death of a fellow hunter five years ago.

Herbert Stanley Meister of Lacombe has admitted to using a rifle without a licence and careless use of a firearm.

A 55-year-old man was shot in the abdomen in November 2009 after being mistaken for a deer during a hunting trip. His wife read a tearful victim impact statement in court and afterward turned to Meister and said: "I forgive you."

Meister, who is 62, was given a 60-day jail term, to be served on weekends, and a two-year conditional sentence. He is also banned from owning weapons for the rest of his life. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Stray bullet that hit home likely from nearby murder, police say

Police now believe a bullet found in a northeast home in October may be a stray shot from a nearby murder.

Officers responded to a home in the 300 block of Manora Crescent NE around 9:50 a.m., Oct. 4 after reports of a man being shot in the back alley.

The victim was taken to hospital by Emergency Medical Services where he later died. He was later identified by the medical examiner as Jason Quinn Antonio, 39, of Calgary.

Several minutes after the initial homicide call came in, shots were reported to have been fired at a nearby home on Maidstone Crescent NE, where investigators later found a bullet.

Initially it was believed the shot was from a drive-by shooting, but after a Calgary police ballistics analysis, they are "confident" the bullet was a stray round, potentially from the Manora Crescent murder.

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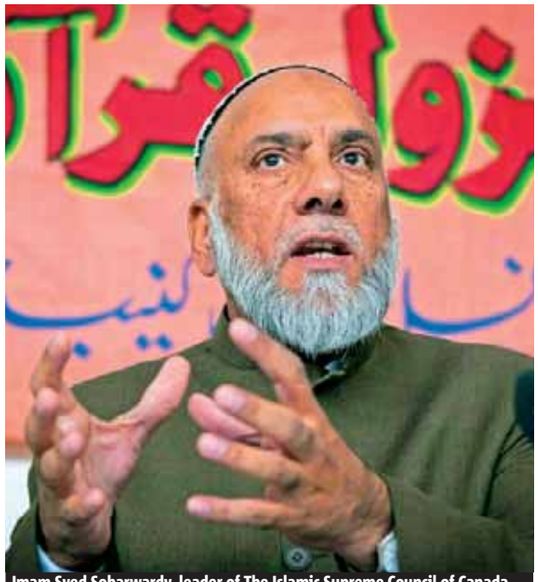

Imam Syed Soharwardy, leader of The Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, speaks in Calgary on Aug. 31, 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Calgary imam hopes checklist steers converts from extremism

Historical information. Imam Syed Soharwardy says there are thousands of new converts to Islam that have been recruited to fight for ISIL

A prominent Muslim cleric wants to distribute a checklist to help steer new and potential converts to Islam away from the path to extremism.

Imam Syed Soharwardy of Calgary, founder of Muslims Against Terrorism and the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, has written an article warning converts and potential converts that their future is at stake.

"This is a checklist, just some background and historical information," he said in an interview Thursday.

It's important for prospective converts to check out the beliefs of the imam or group helping them, Soharwardy said.

"Because of the exploitation and misguidance of newly converted Muslims … it's very important for mainstream Muslims to let them know there are those who have an ideology of hate and violence who claim to represent Islam and they should not be following it," he writes.

Soharwardy said there are thousands of newly converted Muslims that have been exploited and recruited from Europe, North America and Australia to fight for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) by people he refers to as "fanatics."

"Unfortunately, those two young guys who carried out these terrorist attacks just a few weeks ago in Ottawa and Quebec, they were also recruited by these fanatics. I'm sure that they did not know Islam, they were new to Islam and they were just abused, misguided by these fanatics," Soharwardy said in reference to the deaths of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo.

"This is very important to communicate about the dangers of these ISIL and ISIS who are carrying out terrorism in the name of Islam. They killed two innocent Canadians for no reason and it is not right."

Soharwardy intends to distribute his information online and in mosques. It is to be sent to more than 5,000 members who are being asked to forward it to converts or those who are exploring Islam.

There have been a growing number of reports of Canadians joining extremist groups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Solar panels a light-bulb moment for teacher

Students Helen and Jillian (no surnames provided) show off Sir John A. Macdonald's solar panels on the roof. CONTRIBUTED

Bright idea. City schools generate own energy with solar panel projects

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Calgary schools are hoping for a brighter future with new solar panel projects popping up at four schools across the city, and a total of 11 schools with solar energy projects to varying capacities.

"The amount of energy we produce in a year would be (equal to) four million AA batteries," said Cheryl Lyte, principal at Sir John A. Macdonald high school.

Last week the school unveiled 40 shiny new solar panels, that 18 energy ambassadors will help teach the school about in the coming months and years, as they provide solar power to the school.

The project started off as an idea five years ago. Teacher Kathy Gladden, who is the school's ecology club sponsor, spearheaded efforts to get renewable energy out of the textbook and onto school roofs as a hands-on learning experience.

"Calgary has the potential to be a world leader in solar energy," said Gladden. "We're just hoping with our project ... other schools will jump on board and learn the benefits of this type of energy."

They aren't alone, Calgary Board of Education has helped back four schools with similar projects. The school board invested about two-thirds of the funding to purchase panels, but for CBE that could start to pay off.

"Were generating some of our own costs," said Lyte. According to Earl Badger, CBE environmental projects co-ordinator, noting that the schools with 40 panels will generate about five per cent of their own power costs.

The school has turned its project into a learning experience with a live web page easily accessible by parents and students. The page has information on how many watts are being generated, how many kilowatts are generated daily and a monetary amount of energy savings.

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Remembrance hits Calgarians hard in light of recent tragedies

Memorial Drive. Visitors take the time to reflect on the loss of Cirillo and Vincent

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Among the white crosses for Albertans are three commemorating the fallen soldiers lost this year. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Three thousand white crosses, row on row, line Memorial Drive like they do each year around Nov. 11. But this time something is different.

Standing apart from the Albertans represented in the yearly monument, three white crosses, adorned with fresh roses and poppy pins, symbolize a loss that hit Canadians and Calgarians close to home.

Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, the Unknown Soldier and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent.

"It's just nice to take a moment to remember things that have happened close to home and close in time," said Lindsay Beutel.

Beutel, carrying her infant son and taking in the memorial with her parents, is obviously moved by the display. She says her brother works for the Calgary Police Service and she's concerned for him.

"There are people protecting us right now, even though there is not really a war we're involved in ... like my brother," she said.

Jayne Reynett and her husband are at the memorial together for the first time.

"It's very moving, I think especially because of the two men who were killed just because they were doing what was asked of them," said Reynett. "For what they represented ... it's just very moving."

The Field of Crosses is holding flag-raising ceremonies every morning from Nov. 1 to Nov. 11 with a bugler and piper to commemorate the sacrifice made by Canadian soldiers. At sunset the flags are lowered.

Sacrifice

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Jayne Reynett, visitor to the memorial

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Ecuador: Hottest new retirement destination for Canadians

The trend is not new: each year, thousands of Canadians flee the cold and the snow, heading south to sun destinations for weeks or months at a time. But for the most part, only the most adventurous dare to take the next big step and acquire their own property outside of Canada.

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The Canadian company HolaEcuador understood the challenges faced by Canadian snowbirds and now facilitates the sun property acquisition process. After having visited Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama, company co-owners Yves Cormier and Gordon Poole chose Ecuador as the ideal location. The quality of the country's infrastructure, incredible biodiversity, low cost of living, beautiful landscapes, accessible and modern healthcare system and year-round mild climate were the decisive factors.

"Since 2010 we have helped hundreds of Canadians acquire a property on the Pacific coast of Ecuador", says M. Cormier, VP Sales and Marketing. "We are literally creating an entire seaside village. Of the 1,700 properties that we had available at the start of the project, only 700 remain unsold. And now with the majority of the site infrastructure completed, home construction is ramping up quickly."

Irina and Sasha Oulianov, HolaEcuador clients

Mr. and Mrs. Oulianov, from Ottawa, ON, recently purchased their property in HolaEcuador's urban development. "The ability to sign a Canadian contract was reassuring for us", indicates Mrs. Oulianov. "Furthermore, the HolaEcuador representatives in our area answered all our questions and helped us throughout the entire purchase process. The whole experience was very positive!"

GOOD TIME TO INVEST

For now, Ecuador remains a relatively well-kept secret. Properties in Ecuador are much more affordable than in similar tourist destinations, which is one of the main reasons that Canadian travelers and investors are flocking to the region. "Prices reflect what was available in Costa Rica 15 years ago, but in a country where first-rate and modern infrastructure is already in place" confirms Mr. Poole. "Further, the Ecuadorian government is very stable and the currency is the US dollar, which is also very reassuring for investors.", he adds.

All that said, prices are rising quickly with the current real estate boom in the region. The Oulianovs wanted to act quickly and take advantage of the favorable market. "The development itself is spectacular - an endless beautiful beach, lots of parks and gardens, services available right on the site, and a ton of activities available in the region. We're convinced that this will be a fantastic community in a secure and comfortable environment."

TO GET MORE INFORMATION

"At HolaEcuador's informational Seminar I was pleased to discover the high level of professionalism of the developers and the overall quality of the project. In addition to providing lots of interesting information about Ecuador in general, Mr. Poole also provided an in-depth look into this residential project and he took the time to answer numerous questions from the participants. The information that was provided at the seminar left me with a great deal of confidence to take the next steps in realizing my dream." says Al Hendley, a client in Ottawa.

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Canadian Pacific train derails in southern Alberta

A Canadian Pacific Railway freight train has derailed near a community in southern Alberta.

Company spokesman Martin Cej says 17 empty grain hopper cars went off the track early Thursday morning near Pearce.

He says no one was hurt, there are no public safety issues and rail traffic is being rerouted.

Cej says the train was not hauling any dangerous or hazardous cargo.

The cause of the derailment is being investigated by Canadian Pacific and the federal Transportation Safety Board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigators at the derailment near Pearce, Alta. on Thursday.
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For transportation

Western premiers ask Ottawa for $1B

The premiers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia are asking Ottawa for more than $1 billion to support port and transportation infrastructure in the region.

The three leaders met for a New West Partnership summit, which focused on the future of the region's transportation system in response to railway backlogs that plagued the Prairies earlier this year.

Western Canadian farmers harvested a record crop of grain but it caused a railway transportation bottleneck in the spring. Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says a wide-ranging group of stakeholders came together to have a "frank discussion" on Wednesday and Thursday in Regina.

He says the provinces are committed to improving transport in the Asia-Pacific corridor due to growing trade with Asia. The New West Partnership was created in 2010 and is an agreement between Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Municipalities' spending rate unsustainable: Business group

Bigger expenditures. Alberta's municipalities have been spending at a rate that is faster than population growth, says senior policy analyst

Spending

"Over the past 12 years, most of Alberta's larger municipalities have been on a fiscally unsustainable path."

Amber Ruddy, senior analyst with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business says the vast majority of Alberta municipalities are spending money at an alarming and unsustainable rate.

The organization released a report Thursday that logged the operating expenditures of municipalities between 2000 and 2012.

Senior policy analyst Amber Ruddy says inflation-adjusted operating expenses by all 181 municipalities with a population of at least 1,000 rose by 80 per cent in that time. That's about 2-1/2 times faster than Alberta's total population growth of 29 per cent in the same period.

"As a result, it's no surprise that some municipal leaders demand more revenue-generating power," said Ruddy.

"There's only one taxpayer at the end of the day, so any way that they're trying to increase the revenue is all going to hit the taxpayer — both businesses and residents — bottom line if municipalities continue with this path forward," she said. "They're vastly exceeding what that is and now we really have to look for more ways to find cost savings."

Ruddy said only a dozen municipalities have managed to keep their spending in line with population growth.

Based on information obtained from Alberta Municipal Affairs, the report shows operating spending by all municipalities across Alberta reached $7.8 billion in 2012. Fifty-six per cent was spent on salaries, wages, and benefits.

Ruddy recommends municipalities limit spending increases to the rate of population growth, do formal spending reviews and adopt sustainable wage-and-benefit policies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Students make a splash for charity

University of Calgary student Ed Chung strikes a mid-air pose before hitting the pool behind his teammates (already in the water) Jasmine Chitroda and Edyta Maciejowski during the fourth annual Chillin' 4 Charity. The event is hosted by the university's Haskayne School of Business. Participants were treated to relatively balmy conditions for early November; past events took place in the snow. Last year, students raised $12,000 for the United Way.
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$1.2M. Arts partnership gets three-year renewal

Calgary cultural experiences got a big boost Thursday, with the renewal of a $1.2 million partnership between the Calgary Arts Development and the Calgary Hotel Association.

The three-year deal, dubbed the Remarkable Experience Accelerator program, will invest in experiences that attract both Calgarians and visitors to the city. The initial partnership sent dollars toward four organizations from 2012 to 2014 (Calgary International Film Festival, Calgary Opera, One Yellow Rabbit and Sled Island), and from 2015 to 2017 will focus on expanding to all four quadrants of the city.

"We saw tremendous successes in the inaugural Remarkable Experience Accelerator program, from Canada's first professional outdoor summer opera festival to a 175 per cent increase in hotel nights booked for the Calgary International Film Festival," says Emiko Muraki, Calgary Arts Development's director, impact and engagement. METRO

Edmonton. Man charged with child porn, sex assault

Police have arrested an Edmonton man facing a series of charges, including possession of child pornography and sexual assault.

After a month-long investigation, Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) and B.C.'s RCMP arrested the suspect on Oct. 23. The 33-year-old man, whose name isn't being released in order to protect the identity of his five-year-old victim, has been charged in the sexual assault of his niece, along with related luring offences.

According to an ALERT release, the investigation was initiated by B.C. RCMP who had been posing as an underage girl and started interacting with the accused online. Through online conversations, the accused attempted to arrange to meet for sex and sharing of child pornography. He faces charges of child luring, possession of child pornography, distributing child pornography, making available explicit material to a child, sexual assault and sexual interference. METRO

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A car approaches a newly installed speed hump in Whitehorn. They city says humps are cheaper and effective than most other traffic calming measures.
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Speed humps: Coming to a street near you

Cheap and effective. Humps increasingly becoming Calgary's traffic calming method of choice

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Speed humps have been installed in five more communities across Calgary and next year you can expect to see even more, as part of the city's ongoing traffic-calming measures.

Work is just wrapping up or has been recently finished on humps — the gentler cousin of speed bumps — in Altadore, Windsor Park, Parkdale, Coventry Hills and Whitehorn.

While other devices such as curb extensions and traffic circles are also employed to discourage speeding, Joe Olson of the city's transportation planning department said speed humps tend to be the method of choice.

"It's probably what we put up the most," he said. "It's pretty cost effective and it is effective at controlling speed, more than other measures."

Speed humps cost about $10,000 to $15,000 apiece to install, Olson said.

Many of the humps installed this year were put in playground zones, he added, but they can be put in other areas, too.

"We do work with the communities, of course, to position them," he said.

Olson said the city has about 30 to 40 locations with traffic issues on a list and each year enacts calming measures on the top-priority sites, within its annual budget.

For info on how to get a site on the list, Olson said to search for "community traffic concerns" at Calgary.ca.

One dead. Bar brawl turns fatal in Edmonton

What started as a beef in the bar turned fatal Wednesday morning, leaving one man dead and Edmonton police on the hunt for a missing murder suspect.

Police found Bekri Mohamed, 31, dead on the floor of Papyrus Lounge on Wednesday after they'd been called to the business on a weapons complaint.

Thanks to eyewitnesses at the club located near 111 Street and 107 Avenue, EPS were able to identify Luqman Osman as their main suspect.

Luqman Osman is wanted on a nationwide warrant for second-degree murder, along with other weapons charges.

Clark said Osman is no stranger to the justice system and is currently out on parole after a Jan. 1 shooting at an Ethiopian-Canadian community centre.

Osman is considered armed and dangerous by Edmonton police. He is a black male, in his mid-20s, approximately six feet three inches tall with a medium build. He has a beard and a scar on his neck and was wearing a toque at time of the incident.

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NDP women re-victimized by airing of misconduct complaints: Mulcair

Pending investigation. Liberal Leader Trudeau announced suspensions of two MPs yesterday over allegations

Two female New Democrat MPs have been victimized a second time by Justin Trudeau's decision to publicize their complaints of inappropriate behaviour against two Liberal MPs, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair says.

Mulcair confirmed Thursday that it was complaints from two NDP MPs that prompted Trudeau to suspend Scott Andrews and Massimo Pacetti from the Liberal caucus pending an investigation.

Speaking in Whitby, Ont., Mulcair said he knew about the complaints but had not pursued them because the women wanted to keep the matter confidential.

"Our No. 1 concern was to make sure that they got the help they needed and that their wishes were respected," he said.

"Those wishes included a very strong desire to keep this confidential. That was their request and we were not about to override that and make them victims a second time."

The Liberal leader announced Wednesday that he was suspending Pacetti and Andrews over allegations of "serious personal misconduct" levelled by two MPs from another party. He did not name the other party or the complainants or specify the nature of the alleged misconduct.

The matter has been referred to the secretive multi-party board of internal economy. The Liberals are asking that an independent third party be brought in to investigate the complaints.

Both Pacetti and Andrews deny any wrongdoing and say they expect to be exonerated.

Trudeau took action after one of the complainants personally complained to him on Oct. 28 about the Liberal MPs' conduct. He instructed Liberal whip Judy Foote to discuss the matter with her NDP counterpart, Nycole Turmel.

Foote also interviewed both complainants and the two accused Liberal MPs.

Nevertheless, Mulcair said New Democrats had no idea Trudeau was going to make the matter public on Wednesday.

Liberals have questioned how Trudeau was supposed to respond to a complaint made directly to him without revealing, at least in general terms, why he was suspending Andrews and Pacetti. Trudeau himself said Wednesday he had a duty to make the matter public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair
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Money scam

Canadian fraudster sentenced in L.A. to 5 years in prison

A Canadian man who scammed money from people by convincing them their grandchildren were in danger overseas has been sentenced in Los Angeles to five years in federal prison.

City News Service says Pascal Goyer was sentenced for wire fraud. Goyer is one of about a half-dozen people charged with running a scheme in which grandparents in southern California were told to send money for such things as bail or car accident repairs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Singing poppy vet warms up commute

A Toronto-area commuter gets a poppy pinned by Bill Reid before catching her GO train. Reid has been the singing poppy vet at Burlington, Ont.'s Appleby GO train station for 26 years. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trial. Magnotta had schizophrenia when he killed Lin: Psychiatrist

Luka Rocco Magnotta was suffering from schizophrenia, was mired in a psychosis and could not tell right from wrong when he killed Jun Lin, a forensic psychiatrist testified Thursday at Magnotta's first-degree murder trial.

Marie-Frederique Allard is an expert witness hired by the defence to assess Magnotta's criminal responsiblity at the time of the slaying.

The argument is key to the defence case because, although he has admitted to killing and dismembering Lin in 2012, he has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder.

Allard told the jury Thursday she consulted police evidence and medical records and saw Magnotta personally for about 25 hours over several meetings, beginning in December 2013.

She said she believes Magnotta was suffering from schizophrenia, that his perception of reality was skewed and that while he knew what he was doing, he didn't realize it was wrong.

"That illness was present on May 25, 2012," Allard said. "It's responsible for the five charges against him." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dozens injured in overnight bus crash

From Toronto to NYC.
Driver in critical condition after bus hit car, tractor-trailer

A bus heading from Toronto to New York City crashed into a wrecked car and a tractor-trailer on Interstate 81 outside Syracuse, N.Y., early Thursday, injuring more than two dozen people, authorities said.

The Pine Hill Trailways bus with 52 passengers on board was travelling south on I-81 around 2:30 a.m. when it slammed into a car that had just crashed into a guard rail and came to rest in the highway's left lane just south of Syracuse, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies said the bus then hit the rear of a tractor-trailer whose driver had pulled over on the highway's shoulder to offer assistance to the car's driver.

Twenty-six of the passengers and the bus driver were injured, officials said. The driver was in critical condition at a Syracuse hospital.

The injured passengers mostly suffered lower extremity, chest, back and facial injuries, all of them apparently minor, police said.

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It took emergency crews two hours to extricate the driver, Kelvin Sharpe Sr. of Buffalo, N.Y., from the vehicle's smashed-in front end, deputies said.

The bus that crashed into a tractor-trailer and a car, injuring 27 people on Interstate 81 early Thursday, in Nedrow, N.Y. ONONDAGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health Canada study

No link between windmill noise, health issues

A Health Canada study has found no evidence to support a link between exposure to wind turbines' noise and health effects reported by people around them.

However, the study did find a relationship between the noise and residents' annoyance related to noise, vibration and shadow flicker from the structures.

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After Ottawa attack

B.C. legislature guards get guns

Guns and firearms training will be given to some guards at B.C.'s legislature in the wake of the recent fatal attack on a soldier in Ottawa and a security review.

The resolution passed early Wednesday evening means protective services staff who are designated as special provincial constables will be equipped and trained in the use of firearms.

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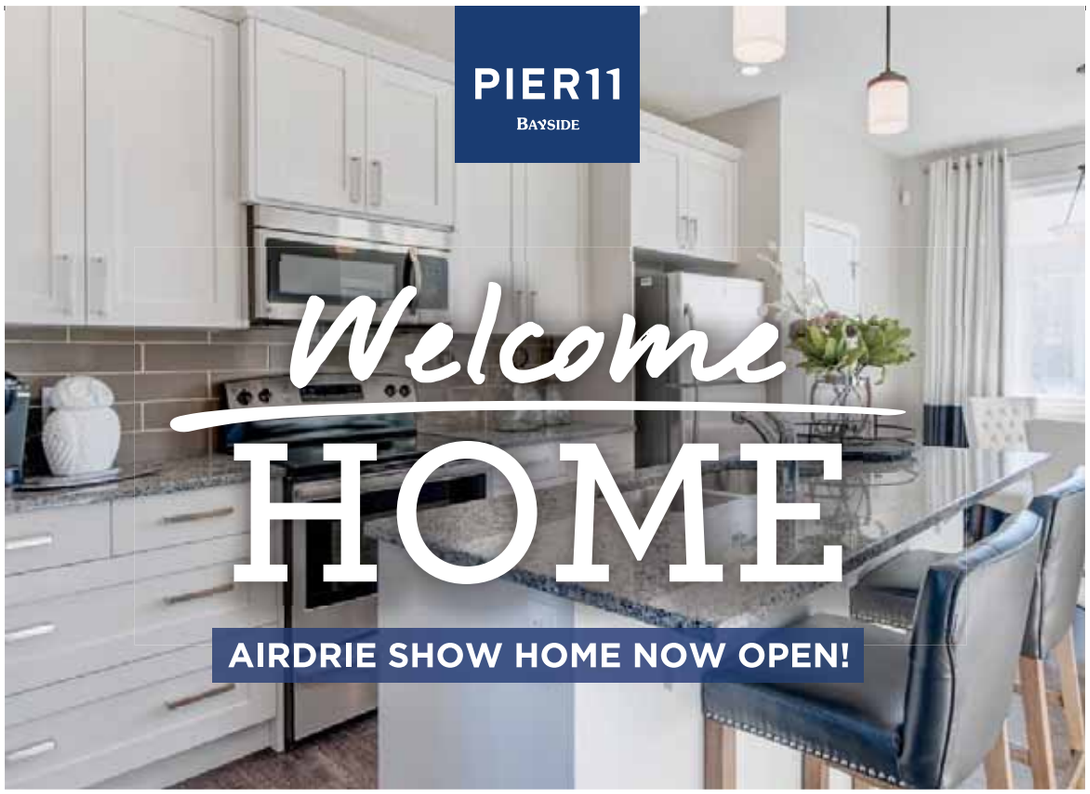

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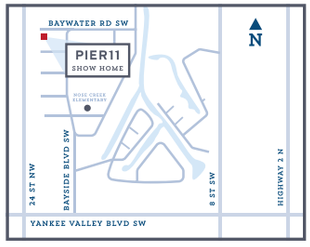

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Nothing like a 'joyfall' ride

A cyclist travels along Bayers Road in Halifax surrounded by fall leaves on Thursday. As the leaves fall, days get shorter and temperatures dip, Environment Canada's senior climatologist is promising – yes, promising – Nova Scotians the coming winter won't be anything like the last. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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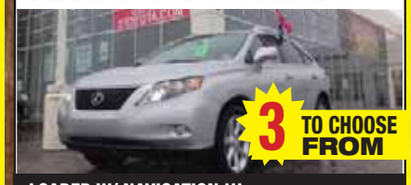

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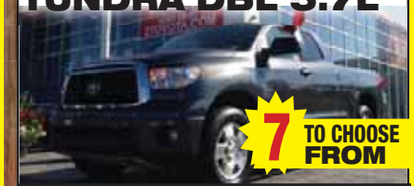

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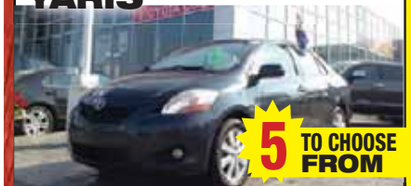

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Franklin expedition.
Brass bell from doomed HMS Erebus uncovered

A brass bell from HMS Erebus, one of the two doomed ships from the Franklin expedition that came in search of the Northwest Passage, is now in the hands of scientists in Ottawa.

Sealed in a fresh water-filled glass container, the iconic bell was unveiled today by Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq.

The bell was found in mid-September, shortly after the Erebus was discovered at the bottom of the ocean.

While corroded on the inside, there are clear visible markings on the outside of the bell, including the year 1845 and an arrow symbol signifying that the bell was the property of the British Royal Navy.

The Erebus, on which it's believed that Sir John Franklin died, was lost some 168 years ago.

Parks Canada chief underwater archaeologist Marc-Andre Bernier says several other artifacts were found around the site, but have been left there until dive teams can resume their inspection of the sunken vessel again next year.

Parks Canada scientists say they need to carefully clean the bell to remove all traces of sea salt from its surface.

Only then, they say, can any other historical clues from the artifact be revealed.

The respective crews of the Erebus and its companion, HMS Terror, perished after the ships went missing in the mid-1800s.

Bernier says it's believed the ships became locked in sea ice and eventually sank as their wooden hulls became waterlogged and cracked apart.

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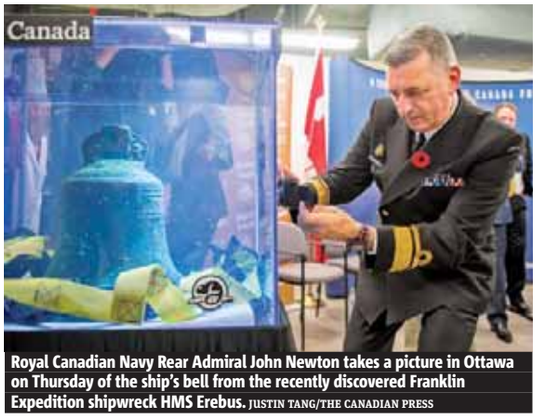

Royal Canadian Navy Rear Admiral John Newton takes a picture in Ottawa on Thursday of the ship's bell from the recently discovered Franklin Expedition shipwreck HMS Erebus. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Walter meets his significant otter

Otterly adorable.
Vancouver Aquarium's blind sea otter, named Walter, has met Tanu, a new companion

THANDI FLETCHER
Metro in Vancouver

It's been a long road to recovery for Walter the sea otter.

But on Thursday, more than a year after he was blinded by a shotgun blast to the face near Tofino, B.C., Walter was introduced to Tanu, a female sea otter also receiving care at the aquarium who staff hope will become a long-term companion.

For Dr. Martin Haulena, seeing Walter, affectionately dubbed "Wally," meet another sea otter for the first time since he was rescued last October was a touching moment.

"For all of us that have seen him go from being in such terrible shape, pretty much near death ... to see him now living happily with another otter, it's kind of cool," Haulena told Metro.

Walter was rescued in October 2013 after reports about an uncharacteristically approachable sea otter on the shoreline near Tofino.

Walter, a sea otter blinded by a gunshot blast near Tofino, B.C., in October 2013, was introduced to Tanu on Thursday. Tanu is another rescued sea otter receiving ongoing care at the Vancouver Aquarium. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Staff at the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre rescued Walter, who was riddled with shotgun pellets and required multiple surgeries over several months to treat shattered bones in his right hind flipper and broken teeth.

Both Tanu and Walter, who since being blinded is unable to forage for food, have been deemed non-releasable by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and require long-term care at the aquarium.

Aquarium staff selected Tanu to share a pool with Walter in the hopes that the older, female otter would be compatible with the "gentle" Walter.

In recent weeks, Haulena said Tanu and Walter were placed in nearby enclosures, allowing the two to become accustomed to each other's presence in preparation for their first meeting.

Within moments of meeting each other Thursday, Walter and Tanu appeared to be keeping their distance, making contact only a few times while aquarium staff fed the playful pair.

Haulena said the uneventful introduction was a positive sign.

"They can be very, very vicious and they can inflict some pretty serious wounds on each other," he said. "So it's nice to see them fairly mellow."

Haulena said he hopes to see the pair one day groom each other and "hold hands," a protective behaviour the marine mammals display in the wild.

"As they get used to each other, hopefully they'll get along more and more," he said.

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Science is fun, but not for a career, teens say in poll

Let's Talk Science.
Survey finds gaps between teens' attitudes toward science and their plans for the future

ANGELA MULLINS
Metro in London, Ont.

Canadian teens increasingly are recognizing the importance of science lessons, but fewer than half are seeing courses through to Grade 12.

The catch-22 is highlighted in a study released Wednesday by Let's Talk Science, a London, Ont.-based organization that's working to get more kids interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

While 72 per cent of the 13- to 17-year-olds surveyed said they think science is fun, up from 34 per cent three years ago, only 12 per cent are interested in working in science-related fields.

The gap is slightly less between the 78 per cent of teens who say science offers them many career options and the 22 per cent who show serious interest in pursing the field at university or college.

Overall, "attitudes toward taking science courses have remained relatively flat," said Bonnie Schmidt, president and founder of Let's Talk Science. And that means there's a lot of work to be done with Canada looking to churn out more graduates with degrees tied to science and math.

Bridging the gaps and translating attitudes into behaviours requires collective action, Lets Talk Science says.

Clearing up confusion

- Of the 818 teens surveyed, 60 per cent believed they would need a university degree to work in the field.
- While that's true in many cases, there are many college certificate, diploma and skilled-trades programs that are heavy on science, technology, engineering and math, Let's Talk Science says.
- Read the full survey report online at letstalkscience.ca/spotlight

Brewery goes where no beer has gone before

Klingon Paul Carreau chugs down some of Garrison Brewery's new beer on Thursday. The Halifax brewery is launching the Star Trek-themed beer Klingon Warnog Roggen Dunkel Ale on Friday. Warnog was the beer Klingons drank after a victorious battle in the Star Trek shows. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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ISIL. Military setbacks and reduced oil revenue hinder extremist cause

For a force that has built its reputation on an aura of momentum and invincibility, ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) is now dealing with a series of military setbacks in Iraq and a prolonged stalemate in the small Syrian border town of Kobani.

Gone are the days when ISIL could seize territory in both countries with relative ease. Its newfound problems, including a loss of oil revenue, raise questions about the extent to which it will be able to continue recruiting fighters.

"(It) has run a very effective psychological campaign to intimidate its rivals and attract support and recruits," said Faysal Itani, a resident fellow at the Atlantic Council, an international think-tank.

But now, he said, the need to maintain its reputation is limiting the group's options.

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Religion

Pedophile priest excommunicated

Pope Francis has excommunicated a pedophile Argentine priest, a move cheered by advocates for victims of clerical abuse.

In 2011, Jose Mercau was sentenced to 14 years in prison after admitting to sexually abusing four teenagers.

He spent 15 days in jail and was then held in a monastery in Buenos Aires province until he was released in March.

Many welcomed the news but victims and advocates say the Catholic church still needs to be more determined, effective and severe when it comes to punishing such crimes in Argentina.

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Replacement spaceship could fly next summer

Virgin Galactic. In wake of fatal crash, workers focus on finishing new ship that is about six months from completion

Virgin Galactic was founded by British entrepreneur Richard Branson, shown in 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Virgin Galactic, the space tourism company that suffered a tragic setback when its rocket-powered spaceship broke apart over the California desert last week, could resume test flights as early as next summer, its CEO says.

The sleek composite shell and tail section of a new craft are already sitting inside the company's facility in Mojave, Calif. After more than two years of work, it's beginning to look like a spaceship, but CEO George Whitesides said there's much more to do.

The ship will replace one that was destroyed last week after the feathering system that controls descent deployed prematurely and aerodynamic forces ripped it apart, killing the co-pilot and seriously injuring the pilot.

In the wake of the accident, workers have focused on building the new ship. "That's provided some solace to all of us," Whitesides said.

Speculation continues about how far the accident will push back the day when paying customers can rocket toward the edge of space.

Seats sell for $250,000 and the company has already booked passengers including Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and Russell Brand.

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Donetsk teens die after mortar hits schoolyard

Ceasefire? Students were playing soccer at their school when mortar landed on the field, killing two and injuring four

An unnamed parent reacts to Wednesday's mortar strike that killed two students and injured four others.
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The shelling of a high school in Ukraine's rebel stronghold of Donetsk has chilled even the most battle-hardened in this weary nation.

The deaths of two teenagers as they were playing soccer after lunch Wednesday is a stark reminder that the ceasefire agreed upon in September has only ever existed on paper.

On the soccer field at Donetsk's school No. 63, two blood-ied coats still lay out in the open Thursday as relatives and staff gathered at the scene.

Alexander Yeliseyev, the father of one victim, 18-year-old Andrei, walked by in shock as he gathered belongings left behind when his son's body was removed — a dark brown coat and a pair of sneakers.

"They went to play football at about 2 p.m., while I was at work. And then the shelling began. Here you see the result," Yeliseyev said, adding 14-year-old Danya was also killed.

Four other students were wounded, said Dr. Vladimir Voropayev, chief of the children's trauma unit at the Donetsk's regional hospital.

Ukrainian authorities in Kyiv said state security forces will investigate the school shelling, but officials already believe the mortars came from separatist forces. The rebels, however, have implicated the Ukrainian military. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Passions inflamed over proposed policies

A protester takes a selfie in front of a burning car during a national trade union demonstration in Brussels on Thursday. Tens of thousands of demonstrators are converging on the Belgian capital to protest government policies that will extend the pension age, contain wages and cut into public services.
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Murder suspect's bail set at $2M

A man surrendered in Oregon after he admitted to killing his girlfriend, police said.

David Kalac's arrest Wednesday night nearly 320 kilometres from the crime scene in Washington state came after a daylong manhunt.

He's accused of killing Amber Lynn Coplin, whose teenage son heard the couple arguing and found his mother dead in their apartment.

Kalac, 33, evaded police in the woman's car until he emerged from a wooded area and turned himself in to a passing officer, authorities said.

Kalac was charged with second-degree murder, with his bail set at $2 million.
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SNC-Lavalin to cut 4,000 workers

SNC-Lavalin says it will reduce the company's global workforce by 4,000, or nine per cent of the total, over an 18-month period starting in 2015.

The Montreal-based engineering and construction company says the job cuts — which will reduce the company's profit this year but save money over the longer term — are part of its efforts to get out of underperforming business segments.

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Amazon's Alexa

Hear that, Siri? You have a new rival

Siri, meet Alexa.

Amazon is introducing a voice-recognition service called Amazon Echo that comes with a speaker-like wireless device just in time for the holiday shopping season.

Responding to voice commands after the "wake word" Alexa, the device offers updates on news and weather and provides hands-free voice control for Amazon services such as Prime Music.

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Microsoft to offer Office apps for free

No such thing as a free lunch. The company is taking a 'freemium' tack, hoping iPhone and iPad users will eventually pay for extras

Microsoft is offering free upgraded versions of its Office software for iPhones and iPads, as the software giant further embraces the so-called "freemium" strategy favoured by many newer companies seeking success online.

Give away a basic version of a popular service, and the world may beat a path to your door and be willing to pay a little more for extras, or so the thinking goes.

Microsoft, the longtime king of desktop software, has generally protected its model of getting paid upfront for what it developed.

But as the company strives to stay relevant for workers and consumers in an increasingly mobile world — and better compete with Google, Apple and others — it is offering substantial versions of its most popular products free of charge for smartphones and tablets.

Microsoft is hoping to keep people using its products across all their devices, while betting that many will ultimately pay for fuller-featured versions of the software.

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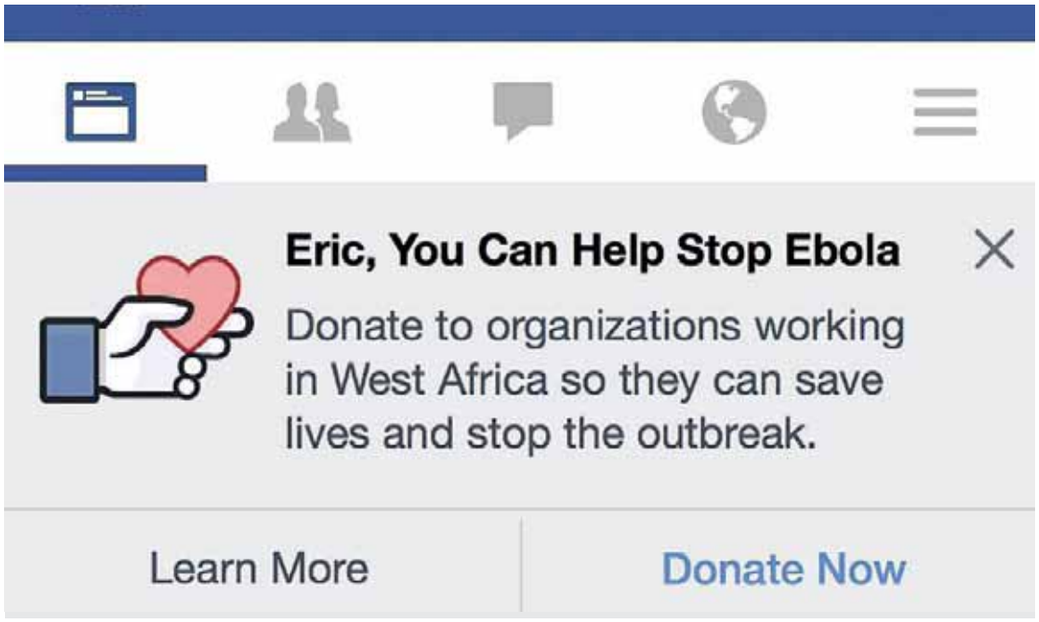
This screenshot provided by Microsoft shows the iPad version of the company's Microsoft PowerPoint app. MICROSOFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Like Facebook's new donation button?

This image provided by Facebook Inc. shows an example of a message and donation button the company has designed to make it easier for its users to donate to charities battling Ebola. On Thursday, Facebook said over the coming week, its users will see an option to donate to three non-profit organizations fighting the disease. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soaring profits. Air Canada to expand its global routes

Air Canada plans to accelerate expansion on international routes after reporting the best quarter in the airline's 77-year history.

The Montreal-based company said Thursday that it plans to increase overall capacity by nine to 10 per cent next year, compared with this year's projected increase of seven to eight per cent.

Much of the added capacity will be in the international business, with domestic capacity projected to increase by four or five per cent. More than half of the international growth will come from expansion of its low-cost Rouge subsidiary, while much of the rest will flow from using lower cost Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

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CRTC. Dump Internet, phone, cable with no wait

Canadians should have an easier time cancelling their cable, starting early next year.

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has announced a decision that consumers will no longer have to give advance notice if they want to switch television, Internet or phone service providers.

This is the first decision to come out of the CRTC's Let's Talk TV: A Conversation with Canadians hearings on the future of television that were held earlier this year. It decrees that consumers will no longer have to give 30 days' notice if they want to cancel a service.

The order goes into effect on Jan. 23, 2015. It's hoped the move will allow consumers to better take advantage of a competitive marketplace.

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1 Elephant Stampede in America. After this week's mid-term elections, U.S. President Barack Obama must feel as if an elephant sat on his head. Republicans gained: seven seats in the Senate, giving them control; 12 seats in the House of Representatives, strengthening their grip; and three governorships. Imagine if Stephen Harper had to govern while the Liberals or NDP had a majority in the Commons. On the upside, Obama, who is limited to two terms under the U.S. Constitution and can't run again in 2016, should have plenty of time to work on his golf game.

2 D.C. Bud? Speaking of high places, Washington, D.C., is one of three U.S. jurisdictions voting to legalize marijuana this week, the others being Alaska and Oregon — where, as far as we can tell, everything is legal. So now there are five; Washington State and Colorado voted to legalize pot last year. (Plus there are 23 states that allow the sale and use of medical marijuana.) So whenever the politicians in Washington do something that boggles the mind, we'll know the answer to the inevitable question: "What were they smoking?"

3 The Physics of Hollywood. As if the Big Bang Theory weren't enough, quantum physics is taking over the big screen, too. This week's big Hollywood release is Interstellar, in which Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway travel to the stars through a black hole. Making sure the math works, renowned physicist Kip Thorne is the movie's science adviser. Also released today: The Theory of Everything, about the genius who defined black holes, Stephen Hawking. Coming up on November 28 is The Imitation Game, about another mathematical genius, Alan Turing, the father of the computer. Sylvester Stallone, where are you when we need you?

4 Paint by the Numbers. You've worked ceaselessly to put the kid through school, hoping for a doctor or a lawyer or at least an MBA. But the apple of your eye wants to be a painter. Before you unpack The Lecture, you should know that Édouard Manet's Spring went for $65 million at Christie's in New York this week, while over at Sotheby's, Vincent Van Gogh's Still Life, Vase With Daisies and Poppies sold for $61.8 million. Of course, painters are generally worth more after they're dead, while lawyers usually only have to wait until they make partner.

5 Harassment in High Places. After last week's frankly astonishing revelations about Jian Ghomeshi and his alleged treatment of women (and at least one man), this week it just got more astonishing when two Liberal MPs were suspended after being accused of harassment by two NDP MPs. And we're not talking during Question Period. Meanwhile, more skeletons are rattling in the closets of Parliament Hill. Stay tuned.

Murmuration sensation

These photos show a murmuration of starlings putting on a display Thursday, near the town of Gretna, Scotland. ALL PHOTOS OWEN HUMPHREYS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scottish starlings put on spectacular show

Starlings have once again been putting on a spectacular display as they gather in huge murmurations at Gretna in the south of Scotland.

Tens of thousands of the birds are regularly seen around this time of year near the Dumfries and Galloway town in southwestern Scotland.

It is one of the most famous locations for the natural spectacle, the definitive reason for which is not known.

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Theories

The birds may be gathering to stay safe from predators or to stay warm in the winter.

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Nesting, nesting, 123

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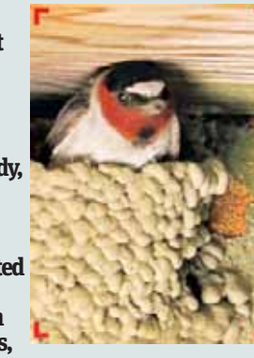
Winter is coming, which means our sweet summer bird song soundtrack has flown south for the next few months. If you're missing the birds already, the feather experts at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (follow @CornellBirds) have posted a brief video on the masonry skills of North American cliff swallows, who make like avian bricklayers while building their remarkable nests from pebbles and mud. (LabofOrnithology/YouTube)



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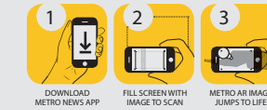

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Playing by Asimov's robot rules

Movies. Prolific sci-fi writer is credited with establishing the pop-culture protocol for our wired friends, but some films have dared to break the boundaries

In Big Hero 6, Baymax is a lovable inflatable robot who can instantly diagnose and treat human diseases. CONTRIBUTED

Science fiction author Isaac Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics are a trimmed down version of The Ten Commandments for androids. Simple, direct and to the point, Asimov declared, "A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm. A robot must obey the orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law. A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law."

Asimov's rules have inspired short stories, video games, music and cartoons. Roland Charles Wagner's short story gave them an erotic spin in Three Laws of Robotic Sexuality while the game Portal 2 sees all military androids sharing one copy of the laws of robotics.

In the tune Robot, space rockers Hawkwind sang, "You'd hold the whole world in your metal claws / If it wasn't for the Three Laws."

And in the Mega Man series by Archie Comics, automatons are almost defeated by an anti-robotic terrorist group because they must abide by the three laws.

This weekend, Baymax, the lovable inflatable robot at the heart of Big Hero Six, abides by the laws.

"Hello," he says.

"I am Baymax, your personal health-care companion."

The roly-poly inflatable bot can almost instantly diagnose and treat a variety of diseases but even when he is transformed into a crime-fighting warrior, he still plays by the rules.

Asimov's stories have been turned into films like I, Robot and Bicentennial Man, where the robots follow the dictums. But not all movies stay true to the rules.

In Aliens, the Hyperdyne Systems 120-A/2 cyborg character Bishop (Ian Holm) says, "It is impossible for me to harm, or, by omission of action, allow to be harmed, a human being," but later tries to kill Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) by choking her with a rolled up porno magazine.

The 1951 classic The Day the Earth Stood Still has both good and evil robots. When alien android Klaatu's message of friendship to earthlings is met with a bullet from a sniper, his eight-foot metal robotic assistant Gort lets loose with a disintegration death ray.

Finally, worse than Blade Runner's killer android Roy (Rutger Hauer) or the robot gunslinger from Westworld, is Maximilian, the silent-but-deadly android from The Black Hole.

Not only does he wordlessly do the bidding of the evil Dr. Hans Reinhardt (Maximilian Schell), the blood-red bot later merges with his human creator to lord over the fire and brimstone of hell. Lawgiver Asimov surely would not approve.

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE

Big Hero 6

Directors. Don Hill, Chris Williams

Stars. Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit

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For all intents and purposes Big Hero 6 is an animated superhero movie for kids too young for the violent theatrics of the Marvel universe. The origin story of a superhero troupe, it focuses on Hiro, a robotics prodigy, and Baymax, an inflatable android, as they try to uncover the identity of a masked villain. Without Baymax, Big Hero 6 would mostly be a series of slickly rendered — the animation is lovely — action sequences, catchphrases and plot threads about revenge and life lessons. With him, however, the movie has real heart. The empathetic Baymax doesn't just rescue Hiro's humanity, he gives the movie a large dose of it as well.

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Far from Earth, family still rules

Movies. Director Christopher Nolan went to great lengths to ensure his film based in outer space remained grounded

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Sure it's an epic science-fiction drama partially filmed using IMAX cameras, with big, sweeping vistas of outer space and thrilling set pieces, but for director and co-writer Christopher Nolan, Interstellar is really a family movie. Or at least a movie about a family.

"When I first looked at (co-writer and brother) Jonah's draft on Interstellar, it was very clear that, at the heart of the story, there was this great family relationship," Nolan says. "We found the more we explored the cosmic scale of things and the further out into the universe you went, the more the focus came down to who we are as people and what are the connections between us."

The family in question is the Coopers, led by a dad (Matthew McConaughey) whose promising career as a pilot and an engineer was derailed when an environmental calamity made his skills as a farmer more useful to the greater good.

A widower and dreamer, Cooper works the heartland with his young children (Timothée Chalamet and Mackenzie Foy) and his father-in-law (John Lithgow).

Maintaining that core theme and focus sometimes meant engaging in a bit of subterfuge with his collaborators.

Take, for example, how Nolan first pitched the film to composer Hans Zimmer.

"One of the things I did with Hans is I didn't want him to know what the genre was when he started working," Nolan says.

Matthew McConaughey plays a widower farmer with two children in the sci-fi film Interstellar. CONTRIBUTED

"Before I actually started working on the script, I wrote out a page of what I considered to be the heart of the story — the relationships, the idea of a father having to leave his children — and I gave it to Hans and said, 'Work on that for a day, give me what you've got at the end of the day, and that will be the seed to grow the score from.' And, indeed, the finished score came from that particular creative act.

"And that, I think, is just an illustration of the approach we all tried to take in terms of keeping this about the humanity and using the exploration of the universe as really a lens through which to view ourselves as human beings."

For a director who's tackled amnesia, the landscape of dreams and Gotham City, heading to space was a singular thrill. "Really, space exploration has always represented the most hopeful and optimistic endeavour that mankind has ever really engaged with," Nolan says.

The recent retiring of Space Shuttle Endeavour sticks out in his mind, as he and wife Emma Thomas watched it arrive in L.A.

"We were up at Griffith Park with hundreds of people waving flags and watching this thing fly down," he recalls. "It was a very moving moment and very melancholy as well because what you felt was the sense of that great endeavour, that hope and optimism, is something that I feel we're in need of again. I feel very strongly that we're at a point now where we need to start looking up again and exploring our place in the universe more."

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Costumed quest. Anne Hathaway loved dressing up as an astronaut

What girl doesn't love a good 40-pound spacesuit? When Anne Hathaway suited up for her role as an astronaut in Interstellar, she figured the only way to get through the hardships of wearing the gear was to fall in love with it.

"The first time I put it on, I made up my mind that it was my favourite costume that I've ever worn," she says. "Thanks to (Christopher Nolan), I've gotten to wear some pretty spectacular ones. But this one, it was the closest I've ever felt to feeling like a kid at Halloween, if you could stretch out Halloween for several months.

"I love that feeling. Forty pounds is a lot for me, so it helped that I had to make up my mind that I loved it because that was the only way forward." **NED EHRBAR**

Anne Hathaway in Interstellar. CONTRIBUTED

Challenger still haunts Chastain

At first, Jessica Chastain didn't share director Christopher Nolan's wonder for space exploration — probably because of her first memories of the space program.

"I remember when I was a kid, my first confrontation with space travel was when the Challenger exploded," she says of the 1986 disaster that killed seven astronauts, including teacher Christa McAuliffe. Chastain was eight.

"I remember how traumatic it was because I remember watching it on the news, and all of her children and her class were watching, and I was very young."

That early exposure to the darker consequences of exploration created quite a bit to get over, to put it mildly.

"I had never, ever imagined that it was something that I wanted to do," she admits.

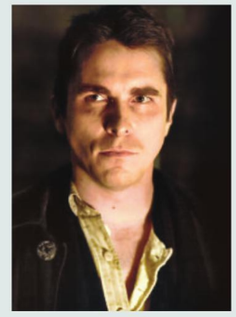
"As human beings, I think we need to conquer our fears and reach beyond our grasp. I think it's very important that you don't become complacent and stagnant." **NED EHRBAR**

Jessica Chastain plays a space scientist. CONTRIBUTED

Analysis

Nolan film showdown

Christopher Nolan is generally beloved by film geeks and regular geeks alike, thanks in large part to his Batman films — well, maybe not all of them — but opinions on his ever-growing body of work vary wildly. So we pit Metro's film critic, Matt Prigge, and Hollywood correspondent Ned Ehrbar against each other to rank Nolan's films. At least they agree on one of them.



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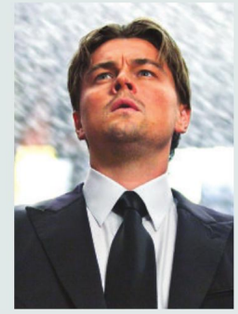

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Sci-Fi & Adventure

Interstellar

Director. Christopher Nolan

Stars. Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain

With our time on Earth coming to an end, a team of explorers undertakes the most important mission in human history: Travelling beyond this galaxy to discover whether mankind has a future among the stars.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 74% **Audience:** + 99%

Comedy

Birdman

Director. Alejandro González Iñárritu

Stars. Michael Keaton, Lindsay Duncan

Birdman or The Unexpected Virtue Of Ignorance is a black comedy that tells the story of an actor (Michael Keaton) — famous for portraying an iconic superhero — as he struggles to mount a Broadway play. In the days leading up to opening night, he battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career, and himself.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 93% **Audience:** 92%

Mystery & Suspense

Horns

Director. Alexandre Aja

Stars. James Remar, Daniel Radcliffe

Based on the novel by Joe Hill, Horns is a supernatural thriller. The film follows Ig Perrish (Daniel Radcliffe), the No. 1 suspect for the violent rape and murder of his girlfriend, Merrin (Juno Temple). Hungover from a night of hard drinking, Ig awakens one morning to find horns starting to grow from his own head and soon realizes their power drives people to confess their sins.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 58% **Audience:** + 93%

Comedy

St. Vincent

Director. Theodore Melfi

Stars. Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy

Maggie (McCarthy), a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year-old son, Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbour, Vincent (Murray), a retired curmudgeon with a penchant for alcohol and gambling. An odd friendship soon blossoms between the improbable pair.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% **Audience:** + 95%

Comedy

Maps to the Stars

Director. David Cronenberg

Stars. Julianne Moore, Robert Pattinson

With this tale of a secret-filled Hollywood family on the verge of implosion, director David Cronenberg forges both a wicked social satire and a very human ghost story from our celebrity-obsessed culture. Meet the Weiss family, who are making their way in a sun-soaked Southern California rife with money, dreams, fame, envy, angst, yearning — and relentless hauntings.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 68% **Audience:** + 87%

Drama/Action/Adventure

The 100-year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

Director. Felix Herngren

Stars. Iwar Wiklander, Robert Gustafsson

Based on the internationally best-selling novel by Jonas Jonasson, the unlikely story of a 100-year-old man who decides it's not too late to start over. For most people it would be the adventure of a lifetime, but Allan Karlsson's unexpected journey is not his first.

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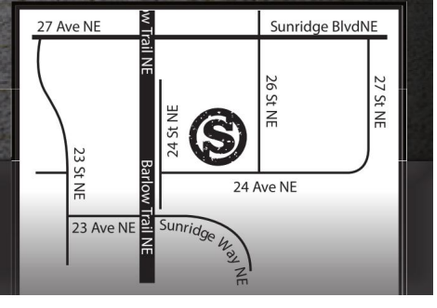

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Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne star in The Theory of Everything, which opens in select markets this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Becoming a world-renowned genius

Actor interview. Eddie Redmayne talks about the pressures of playing Stephen Hawking on film

NED EHRBAR
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For Eddie Redmayne, it's a tough call as to which aspect of Prof. Stephen Hawking's life was more difficult to portray on screen in The Theory of Everything — the debilitating physical effects of ALS on his body, or sounding convincing discussing the physics Hawking pioneered. But nothing was as challenging, Redmayne discovered, as meeting the man himself without putting his foot in his mouth — something he completely failed at, by the way.

Finding how to play this character physically seems to be the first thing that comes to mind. What was the process for that?

I didn't really know how to approach it, because every single thing affects everything else, so what you're wearing affects the physicality. All of these things, I felt like they were interrelated.

So I spent six months going to a motor neuron disease, ALS, clinic in London, trying to work out what Stephen's physical decline was, because ALS manifests itself completely differently in every single patient.

And so I had to become quite technical with it to begin with, and that meant that when we came to shoot it — because we didn't shoot it chronologically — I could sort of slip into different places.

And hopefully the reason I spent so long prepping is that then the physicality is embedded.

Prof. Hawking has quite a sense of humour. Was there anything about his sense of humour that surprised you?

When I met him, it was about four days before we started filming and I'd spent months researching him. It was like meeting someone that you've Googled.

He can only use (his cheek) muscle now to communicate, so it takes him a while — even longer than in the film — to speak to you. And of course I just started telling him about himself.

I was literally just telling this genius random facts about himself for 20 minutes.

I was slightly nervous and struggling, so I ended up going, "Of course, Stephen, you were born on the eighth of January, which was Galileo's birthday" — because he makes a big point about the fact that he was born 300 years after Galileo was — and I went, "Well, I was born on the sixth of January, so we're both Capricorns!"

Stephen sort of looked at me and then spent five minutes writing out a sentence, and then in his iconic voice he said, "I am an astronomer, not an astrologer."

Stephen Hawking thinks that the actor who is playing him thinks that he's a horoscope writer. This is disastrous.

Upcoming

The Force Awakens for Luke Skywalker

The new Star Wars film has a title. Walt Disney Pictures announced Thursday that the movie previously known only as Episode VII has been dubbed The Force Awakens. The Force Awakens will be released in December 2015. Luke Skywalker's role in the film is subject to further speculation as fans discuss the hero's relationship to the light and dark sides of the Force. Is Luke Skywalker good or bad? That's the question driving one aspect of discussion about the franchise hero's return. Credited with defeating Darth Vader at the end of the original trilogy, episodes IV-VI, Luke Skywalker is said to have gone into hiding, seeking to minimize his influence on the rest of society, fearing that he may fall prey to the power-crazed delusions that turned his own father into Vader. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/AFP

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Canyon Meadows Bay 110 13226 Macleod Trail

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG) Fri-Thu 9:45
Dolphin Tale 2 (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:45 Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (18A) Fri-Thu 9:50
The Giver (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50
Hector and the Search for Happiness (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-7:05-9:30
How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:20
The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7-9:40
Let's Be Cops (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:55
Lucy (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-6:50-10
Maleficent (STC) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-7:30 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10
Planes: Fire & Rescue (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05
The Skeleton Twins (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:45
Stand-by Me (STC) Wed-Thu 7:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:40-6:55-9:30
This Is Where I Leave You (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:05-9:35
A Walk Among the Tombstones (18A) Fri-Thu 9:55

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Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-2:50-5-7:15 Wed-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:15
Big Apple Circus: Metamorphosis (STC) Sat 10:30
Big Hero 6 (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:15-4:05-6:45-9:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:05-6:45-9:30
Big Hero 6 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:45-2:25-5:10-7:45-10:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25

Maps to the Stars. CONTRIBUTED

The Book of Life (G) Fri-Tue 12:10 Wed-Thu 1:45
The Book of Life 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:40-5:05-7:30 Wed-Thu 5-7:30
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) No Passes Thu 9:30
Fury (14A) Fri-Tue 12:50-4-7:25-10:30 Wed-Thu 4-7-10:05
Gone Girl (18A) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:40-7-10:25 Wed-Thu 3:20-6:40-10
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sun 12:30 Wed 6:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat 11
Interstellar (PG) No Passes Fri 12:55-2:30-3:15-6:15-6:55-9:55-10:35 No Passes Sat 11:35-2:30-3:15-6:15-6:55-9:55-10:35 No Passes Sun-Tue 12:55-2:30-3:15-6:15-6:55-9:55-10:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-2:30-5:30-6:30-9-10
John Wick (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Sun 5:15-7:50-10:20 Mon-Tue 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Wed-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:15
The Judge (14A) Fri-Wed 10 Thu 9:55
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:10 Wed 3:45 Thu 3:45-10:25
National Theater Live: Of Mice and Men - Encore (STC) Thu 7
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 12:25-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sun-Tue 12:25-4:35-7:25-10:15 Wed 4:50-7:35-10:30 Thu 2-4:50-7:35-10:30
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30
Ouija (14A) Fri-Wed 9:45
St. Vincent (PG) Fri-Tue 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05 Wed 5:10-7:40-10:10 Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30

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Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:10-10 Wed-Thu 6-8:50
Fury (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed-Thu 5:30-8:30
Gone Girl (18A) Fri 7-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:50-7-10:10 Mon-Tue 3:50-7-10:10 Wed-Thu 5:20-9
Interstellar (PG) No Passes Fri 8 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-4:20-8 No Passes Mon-Tue 4:20-8 No Passes Wed-Thu 8
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:50 Mon-Tue 4-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 5:50-8:40
St. Vincent (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Tue 3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 9:20

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Before I Go to Sleep (14A) Fri-Thu 10
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 12:45-3:15-3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 10:45-12:45-3:15-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Tue 12:45-3:15-3:45-6:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 3:15-3:45-6:45-9:45
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The Book of Life (G) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:10 Sat-Sun 10:35-12:50-3:50-6:10 Mon-Tue 12:50-3:50-6:10 Wed-Thu 3:50-6:10
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Thu 10
Fury (14A) Fri 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:40 Sat 3:20-6:30-9:40 Sun-Tue 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:40 Wed-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:40
Gone Girl (18A) Fri-Tue 12:40-4:10-8:30 Wed-Thu 4:10-8:30
Happy New Year (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-5-9:10 Sun 12:30-5-9:10 Mon-Tue 12:10-5-9:10 Wed-Thu 5-9:10
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Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 12 Sat-Sun 12-4-8 Mon-Tue 12 Fri 4-8 Mon-Thu 4-8
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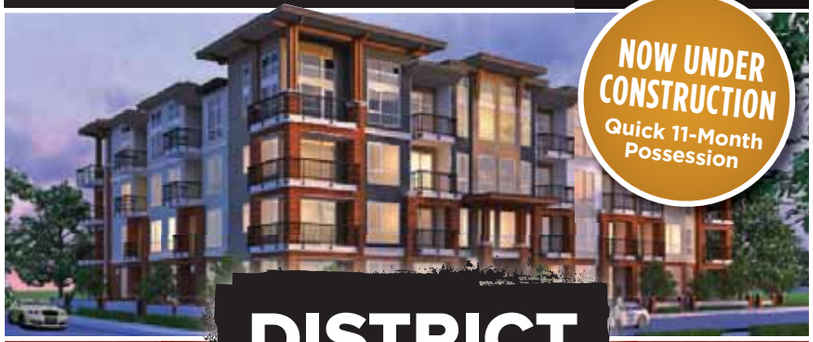

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John Wick (14A) Fri-Tue 7:45-10:20 Wed 10:20 Thu 7:45-10:20
Shakespeare's Globe on Screen: Henry V (STC) Sat 11
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The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared (14A) Fri 7 Sat 1-3:10-7-9:10 Sun 3:30-7-9:10 Mon-Wed 7-9:10 Thu 7
God Help the Girl (STC) Fri-Thu 9
My Old Lady (PG) Sat-Sun 12:50-3-6:50 Mon-Wed 6:50
Whatcha Got, Calgary? (STC) Fri 8

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Annabelle (14A) Fri-Tue 10:05 Thu 10:05
Before I Go to Sleep (14A) Fri-Tue 4:30-8:05-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:50-10:10
Big Apple Circus: Metamorphosis (STC) Sat 10:30
Big Hero 6 (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 No Passes Wed 1:30-4:25-7:10-9:45 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
Big Hero 6 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:15-3:15-7:30-10:15
The Book of Life (G) Fri-Tue 12:20-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:15 Wed 12:55-3:45-7:05-9:35 Thu 3:45-7:05-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Dracula Untold (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:50 Sun 5:10-7:30-9:50 Tue 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:50 Wed 1:40-4:05 Thu 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:50
The Equalizer (14A) Fri-Tue 10:45 Wed-Thu 10
Fury (14A) Fri 12:50-3:55-7:20-10:25 Sat 1:55-5:20-8:25 Sun-Tue 12:50-3:55-7:20-10:25 Wed-Thu 12:55-4-7:15-10:20
Gone Girl (18A) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:35-7-10:30 Wed-Thu 12:35-3:50-7:10-10:25
Gone With the Wind (STC) Sun 12:30 Wed 6:30
Guardians of the Galaxy (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15
Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 4:10-7:20-10:20 Wed 4:10-7:05-9:55 Thu 4:10-10:20
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat 11
Interstellar (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-5-9 No Passes Mon-Tue 11:30-3:10-6:55-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:15-4:55-8:30 No Passes Fri-Tue 11:50-3:30-7:10-10:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-4:25-8:15
Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:15-3-6:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 2-5:30-9
John Wick (14A) Fri-Tue 12:25-3-5:30-8:05-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:30-3-7:20-10:10
Maps to the Stars (18A) Fri-Thu 1:45
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Tue 1:05-4:05-7:10 Wed 1:15 Thu 1:05-4:05-7:10
National Theater Live: Of Mice and Men (STC) Thu 7
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Tue 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:30 Wed 1:55-4:45-7:40-10:20 Thu 4:45-7:40-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
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Hit by Lightning (STC) Fri-Sat 9:30 Mon-Tue 9:30 Thu 9:15
The Judge (14A) Fri 7 Sat 4:15-7 Sun 8:30 Mon-Tue 7 Wed 6:45

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The Book of Life (G) Fri-Tue 12:10
The Book of Life 3D (G) Fri-Tue 3-6:30 Wed-Thu 1:20-4-6:45
Dracula Untold (14A) Fri-Tue 4:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:30-10:05
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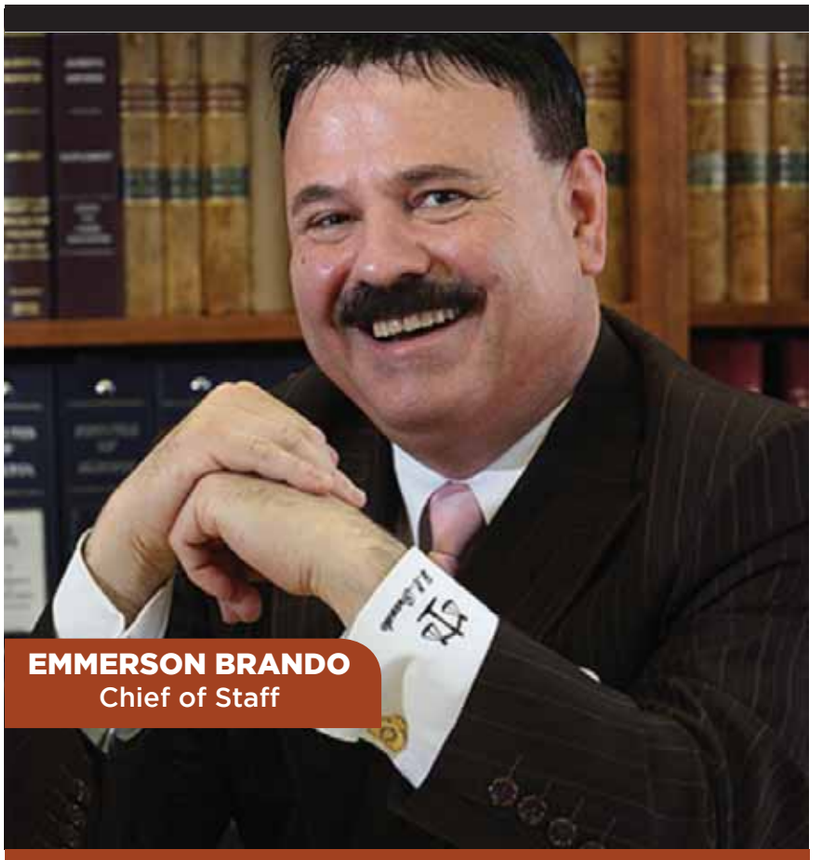

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Even on the road, comedian crams in more creative time

Comedy. Demetri Martin plans to keep filling his notebook with ideas while on Just For Laughs standup tour

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"I want to work as long as I can — standup, film, drawings — so I take that creativity in many directions."
Demetri Martin

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On paper, Demetri Martin is an accomplished actor, writer and standup comedian, with stints on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. The guy must have it made, right?

Not necessarily, said Martin as he prepares for a 10-day stand-up tour across Western Canada. "I get impatient — I have many unfinished projects on the go, and I try to chip away at all of them, but I procrastinate. And I like to daydream," said the 41-year-old New York native who now calls California home.

Calling standup a bumpy ride that he does in spurts, Martin said he tries to fit in all his creative endeavours while on the road.

"I read, write, draw and keep a notebook to write short jokes in. It's my personal library of ideas," Martin said. "The travel — hotels, airport security — is the hard part, but on stage, I get energy from good audiences. And Canadians are warm, welcoming and open to improvising."

Martin said despite the glamorous-seeming work he does, his life looks much like anyone else's.

"I used to walk much more in New York, so in California I work at a treadmill desk when I first get up in the morning — I walk briskly to help my brain and keep the creative energy going. The rest of the day, I wish I was working out or meditating," he said.

In truth, Martin is hugely productive — he published a book of drawings last year, and is working on a book of short fiction for the spring. When time allows, he squeezes in guest work on the Showtime series House of Lies. And, he's now editing an indie feature film that he wrote and directed, tentatively titled Dean.

"In my 20s, I was unhappy in law school, so I dropped out to give standup a try. Sometimes, I have to remind myself that I've been able to make a living at being creative for over 15 years," Martin said. "I want to work as long as I can — standup, film, drawings — so I take that creativity in many directions."

Just For Laughs in Calgary

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McGowan sorry for 'gay misogyny' crack, sort of

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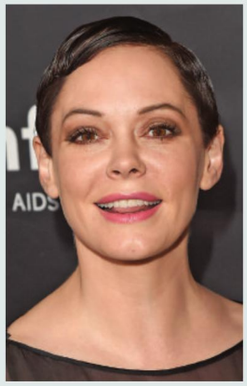


Rose McGowan would like the gay community to know that she's very, very sorry for saying that gay men are "as misogynistic as straight men, if not more so" during a podcast chat with Bret Easton Ellis.

"You want to talk about the fact that I have heard nobody in the gay community, no gay males, standing up for women on any level? I think it's what happens to you as a group when you are starting to get most of what you fought for," she said during the podcast.

"I have not seen a single peep from these people, who supposedly represent lesbians as well. When the Equal Pay Act was shut down by Republicans in the Senate, not a single man mentioned that. I see now people who have basically fought for the right to stand on top of a float wearing an orange Speedo and take (ecstasy). Gay misogyny is a huge problem."

So, about that apology?

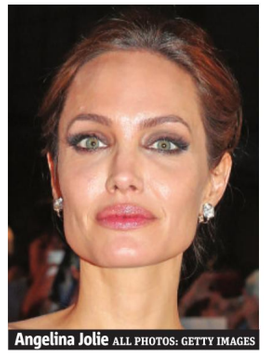
In an op-ed for the Advocate, McGowan says she "made a dumb generalization" and could have "articulated my frustration in a better fashion," but stands by her core point that if she doesn't see something with her own eyes, it hasn't happened.

Idris Elba ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Thanks to Idris, Whedon's Avengers secret isn't secret anymore

Speaking of apologies, Idris Elba might owe one to Joss Whedon. Vulture caught up with the Avengers director and asked him about the details Elba recently let slip regarding himself and Tom Hiddleston popping up in next year's Avengers: Age of Ultron. Not surprisingly, Whedon wasn't pleased.

"Um, should he receive an email from me, there might be an attitude of scold," Whedon says. "When you have a cast of 19,000 people, inevitably, once every month, you pick up (a story) and you're like, 'Awww.'"



Angelina Jolie ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Angelina plans to have more careers than she has kids

Angelina Jolie says that she's "open" to the idea of pursuing a career in politics — because obviously, she doesn't have enough jobs already.

The actress, writer, director, humanitarian, UN goodwill ambassador and cancer awareness spokeswoman tells Vanity Fair, "When you work as a humanitarian, you are conscious that politics have to be considered. Because if you really want to make an extreme change, then you have a responsibility."

But running for office could be tricky when any opponent can just flash footage of Gia, something Jolie has also considered, admitting that her acting career could "make it less possible" for her to win a high-profile election. "I am conscious of what I do for a living," she says.

Kathy Griffin and Fashion Police play she said, E! said

Kathy Griffin says she's considering an offer from E! to assume the late Joan Rivers' spot on Fashion Police — only the network says that no such offer has been made.

"They did offer it to me. I don't know if the situation is correct or right at this time for me. We'll see," Griffin recently told People magazine.

But when asked about that possibility, an E! spokeswoman said, "This is absolutely not true."

Maybe now it's not, sure.

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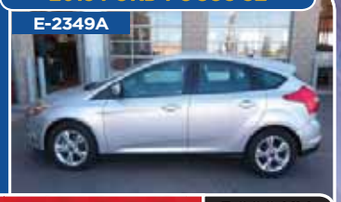

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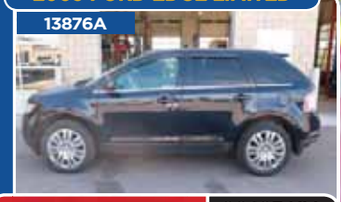

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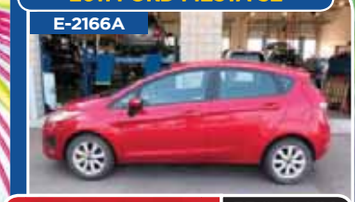

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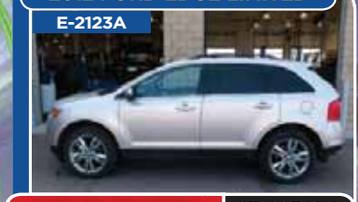

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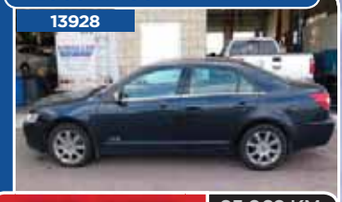

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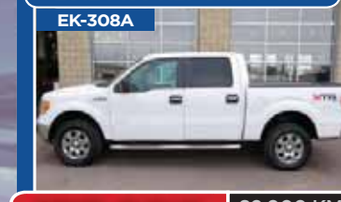

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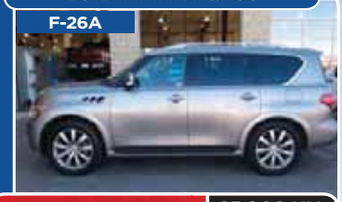

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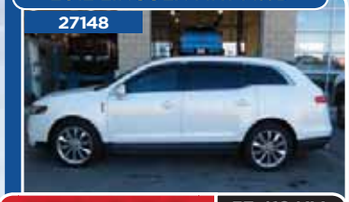

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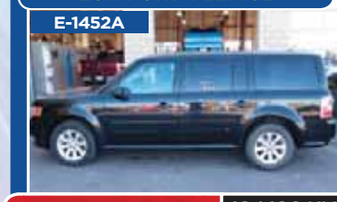

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Couscous

1. At the last moment, add the cilantro and stir into the slow cooker. Remove 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) of the boiling hot liquid from the slow cooker and pour into a bowl. Add the couscous and oil and stir. Cover and let rest for 5 minutes. Fluff the couscous with a fork. If the slow cooker is on the Warm mode, heat the broth for a few minutes in the microwave oven before adding the couscous. Otherwise, the broth will not be warm enough to cook the couscous.

2. Serve the couscous with the vegetables and chickpeas.

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- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 3 cups (750 ml) water
- 1 can (14 oz /398 ml) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (14 oz /398 ml) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 5 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 turnips, peeled and each cut into 6 wedges
- 2 different coloured bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 small rutabaga, peeled and cubed
- 2 zucchini, cut into half slices
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Harissa
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt and pepper

Couscous

- 2 1/2 cups (500 g) medium couscous
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil

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My best advice when asked the secret to a foolproof food and wine pairing is to keep things close to home.

Generally, a wine made in the same place as your entree will make a happier marriage than one from a foreign vineyard.

This is especially true in Europe, where the evolution of winemaking and the culinary arts started around the same time.

What if your dish comes from a country not known for wine? Though Morocco does make some, finding a bottle in Canada will be a challenge. That means going abroad to find a match for Ricardo's veggie and chickpea couscous recipe.

The lack of a featured protein means a white will pour better than a red. Think something light, dry and refreshing like a pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc.

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Boston 5, Edmonton 2

Bruins beat Oilers with flurry in third period

Dougie Hamilton had a goal and two assists during a third-period flurry that sent the streaking Boston Bruins to a 5-2 win over the skidding Edmonton Oilers on Thursday night.

The Bruins scored three times in a span of 2:34 to erase a 2-1 deficit on the way to their fourth straight victory. Boston won its 13th in a row against the Oilers, who have not beaten the Bruins since Oct. 17, 2000.

Tuukka Rask finished with 24 saves for Boston, which also got goals from Loui Eriksson, Carl Soderberg, Reilly Smith and Milan Lucic.

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Pittsburgh 4, Jets 3

Penguins need shootout to ground Jets

Sidney Crosby scored the shootout winner as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Winnipeg Jets 4-3 in a penalty-filled game between a pair of streaking teams on Thursday night.

Crosby and Malkin scored in the shootout, while Marc-Andre Fleury made saves on Andrew Ladd and Evander Kane to secure a sixth consecutive win for the Penguins.

Ondrej Pavelec made 32 saves for the Jets, while Fleury stopped 34 shots for the Penguins.

The teams combined for 102 penalty minutes and three fights but no power-play goals.

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Flames left-winger Curtis Glencross trips the Lightning's Tyler Johnson on Thursday night in Tampa, Fla. The trip did not slow the Lightning as they improved to 9-3-1 with a 5-2 win. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bolts run gauntlet during homestand

Home sweet home. Lightning end Flames' three-game winning streak by sweeping set of matches in Tampa

On Thursday

Lightning	Flames
5	2

Cedric Paquette scored his first two NHL goals as the Tampa Bay Lightning completed a four-game home sweep by beating the Calgary Flames 5-2 on Thursday night.

Tampa Bay also got goals from Brian Boyle, Tyler Johnson and Valtteri Filppula.

The Lightning had scored 15 goals during three wins earlier in the homestand against Arizona, Philadelphia and Washington.

Jiri Hudler and Sean Monahan scored for the Flames, who had won three in a row. Mark Giordano had two assists.

After Paquette scored 61 seconds into the second period, Boyle put Tampa Bay up 3-1 at 4:02 on the rebound after Jonas Hiller stopped the forward's initial shot during a short-handed breakaway.

Monahan's power-play goal 20 seconds after Boyle scored cut the Calgary deficit to 3-2.

Johnson's first goal in 12 games made it 4-2 at 40 seconds of the third. The centre had 13 assists over the previous nine games.

Filppula added an empty-net goal with 2:10 to play.

Paquette opened the scoring with his first NHL goal from in-close at 9:55 of the first. Hudler tied it at 1-1 when he beat Ben Bishop with 4:38 left in the period.

Tampa Bay defenceman Victor Hedman had the cast for a broken finger removed but could miss another three to four weeks.

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Rice's appeal hearing ends after second day

Ray Rice arrives with his wife Janay Rice for an appeal hearing of his indefinite suspension from the NFL on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A hearing for Ray Rice appealing his NFL suspension concluded Thursday after two days and testimony from the former running back and the head of the league.

Rice and his wife Janay Rice left the hearing separately on Thursday about three hours apart after each testified at the New York office of a neutral arbiter. The arbitration hearing will determine whether the NFL overstepped its authority in modifying a two-game suspension of Rice, making it indefinite after video of the running back hitting his wife was released by TMZ.

"I can trust it's a fair process," said Rice's attorney, Peter Ginsberg.

Two people familiar with the case said Thursday there's no timetable for the former federal judge presiding over the case to make her decision, though one person said she has asked the sides to submit closing briefs next week. Both spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the arbiter has told the sides not to discuss details of the private hearing.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell testified for more than two hours to start Rice's appeal hearing on Wednesday, according to one of the sources. Ray and Janay Rice attended the full hearing on Wednesday.

The hearing takes place nearly two months after the former Pro Bowl running back was suspended indefinitely by the NFL and released by the Baltimore Ravens.

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Lions and Stamps to tinker with QBs

Drew Tate will get the start for Calgary this weekend against fellow backup up and former Stampeder, Kevin Glenn, but the Lions will also give time to John Beck. GETTY IMAGE

Regular season finale.
Reserve signal-callers Beck and Tate will see action as both teams prepare for playoffs

The B.C. Lions and Calgary Stampeders will put on a quarterbacking show Friday in their final game of the 2014 CFL regular season at B.C. Place Stadium.

Both clubs plan to use two signal-callers as they get ready for the playoffs. Kevin Glenn will start as usual for the Lions (9-8) as they attempt to lock up third place in the West Division. But rarely-used backup John Beck, the league's oldest rookie quarterback at 33, will also see action.

"It's one of those situations where I'm going to let (Glenn) play as much as he needs to," said Lions coach Mike Benevides. "I don't have any thoughts of having a sequence in and out." Backup Drew Tate will start for the Stampeders (14-3), who have secured first place and a bye to the Western Final at home. Starter Bo Levi Mitchell will see limited duty as Calgary attempts to bounce back from an upset loss to Winnipeg during a snowstorm at home last weekend.

With a win, the Lions can clinch third and a road game against the Edmonton Eskimos. If B.C. loses, a possible cross-over to the East Division playoffs could result.

"To be honest with you, as anybody says, nobody really cares (about playing in the West or East), as long as we get an opportunity," said Benevides. "But I do think that, in order to have any sort of momentum and feel the way we should feel as a football team, or need to feel, we have to find a way to play well (Friday)."

While using multiple quarterbacks, both clubs will also make numerous lineup changes as they attempt to make up for embarrassing losses. The Lions are looking to bounce back after an embarrassing 37-3 loss in Edmonton last weekend.

Glenn said it's important for the Lions to play well even though the Stampeders will not be as strong as usual. The 14-year veteran said he understands his team needs to rest him, but he also has a strong desire to play. He does not need considerable playing time to tune up for the playoffs.

Quoted

"I've been in this league long enough to know that I don't necessarily have to play the whole game to be ready, if that's the given situation and they want to play other guys, to see other guys."

BC Lions quarterback Kevin Glenn
On sharing time with John Beck this Friday

"It's the time that (coaches are) willing to give," he said. "I've been in this league long enough to know that I don't necessarily have to play the whole game to be ready, if that's the given situation and they want to play other guys, to see other guys."

Beck, a former NFL journeyman was initially slated to be No. 3 but moved into a backup role after Glenn assumed the No. 1 role in wake of Travis Lulay's shoulder troubles. Beck could see his most minutes yet behind centre.

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Week 20

Stampeders at Lions, Friday, 8 p.m.
B.C. (9-8) has secured a playoff berth, although whether it's in the East or West Division must still be determined. Regardless, the Lions don't want to head into the post-season riding a two-game losing streak following last weekend's 37-3 loss to Edmonton. Linebacker Solomon Elimimian had 12 tackles to boost his season total to 137, breaking the CFL single-season mark of 130. Calgary (14-3) has first place already clinched and therefore rushing leader Jon Cornish (1,082 yards) won't play.
Pick — B.C.

James preaches patience after Cavs' last-gasp loss

'Rome wasn't built in a day.' Cleveland's star knows the season is long but acknowledges work must be done following Jazz defeat

LeBron James looked over his shoulder, almost in disbelief.

This isn't what he — or anyone else — imagined for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

As Utah's Gordon Hayward was mobbed by teammates after hitting a fadeaway shot over the outstretched arm of Cavaliers forward Tristan Thompson at the buzzer to beat Cleveland 102-100 on Wednesday night, James peered back incredulously at the celebration one last time. He shook his head and walked to the locker room after a second stunning loss in 24 hours.

The Cavs: James, fellow All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love, picked by Vegas oddsmakers to win it all, are 1-3 and look nothing like championship contenders. Four games into the season, they are not gelling and something of a mess. "Rome wasn't built in a day," James said.

LeBron James was neutralized in Utah by Gordon Hayward, who also hit Wednesday night's game-winning shot in the Jazz's 102-100 win over the Cavaliers. GETTY IMAGES

Neither are NBA title teams. Just a week into the season, the Cavaliers have major chemistry issues, a motionless offence and defensive holes they might not be able to address without making a trade or two. Rookie coach David Blatt has preached patience, but has already toyed with his starting lineup, replacing guard Dion Waiters with veteran Shawn Marion.

One day after James played passively in a loss at Portland to prove a point to his young teammates, Cleveland tied a franchise record with just six assists against Utah. According to STATS LLC, the six assists are the fewest in a game for any NBA team scoring at least 100 points since 1985-86.

"There's no way you can win a basketball game like that, just having six assists," said James, who had four of the six assists. "We just can't win like that. We have to figure out a way to help each other and not make it so tough." And while some Cleveland fans are troubled by the slow start, James seems to be taking it in stride, posting a message on his Twitter page Thursday.

James wrote: "In the words of the great @AaronRodgers12 'RELAX.'"

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LeBron's view

- **He's willing to accept failure as long as it stimulates growth.** "I still got to figure out ways to get my teammates involved, too," James said after scoring 31 points, including Cleveland's final six, in the loss to the Jazz. "'Cause it just can't be a one-, two- or three-man show. We have to do it together."

MLB

Zaidi officially named Dodgers GM

The Dodgers hired Canadian-born Farhan Zaidi as general manager and Josh Byrnes as senior vice-president of baseball operations Thursday.

The moves are the first major ones under Andrew Friedman, the new president of baseball operations.

Zaidi, who was born in Sudbury, Ont., but grew up mostly in the Philippines, joins the Dodgers as the 11th general manager in club history. The 37-year-old executive spent the last 10 years with Oakland as the A's assistant GM and director of baseball operations. Zaidi will focus on the major league club and player acquisitions.

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NBA. Rockets' Howard attacks undermanned Spurs

Dwight Howard scored 32 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the Houston Rockets continued their dream start, beating the in-state rival San Antonio Spurs 98-81 on Thursday night.

Howard exploited a Spurs interior that was missing two key players, Tim Duncan and Tiago Splitter. Manu Ginobili also was held out of the game for rest a night after helping San Antonio to a 94-92 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

Howard and Houston took advantage, leading the game wire-to-wire on the way to a league-best 6-0 record. With the loss, the Spurs drop to 2-2.

James Harden had 20 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Rockets.

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Dwight Howard had 32 points and 16 rebounds in 33 minutes played on Thursday night. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Try not to be distracted by promises of fame and fortune today and over the weekend. You need to devote most of your energy to one special relationship instead.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted to put pressure on a partner to do something for you but it isn't necessary. Even if they do not agree with your aims they will help out of a sense of duty.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A problem related to your work is not as difficult to solve as you imagine and the answer will be obvious once you ignore the usual solutions.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Do something guaranteed to shock those who see you as a person who never makes waves. Too many people have been taking you for granted.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to be open-minded. A loved one is committed to a course of action and, whether you like it or not, they are going to see it through to the end. Support them 100 per cent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try not to take anything or anyone too seriously today. Embrace situations that excite your senses and let what happens just happen.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
People have different ideas of what is right and what is wrong. You need to understand that, and act accordingly, over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may have purposely kept your distance from someone because you did not know how they might react, but the planets will throw you together today. Your relationship is fated.

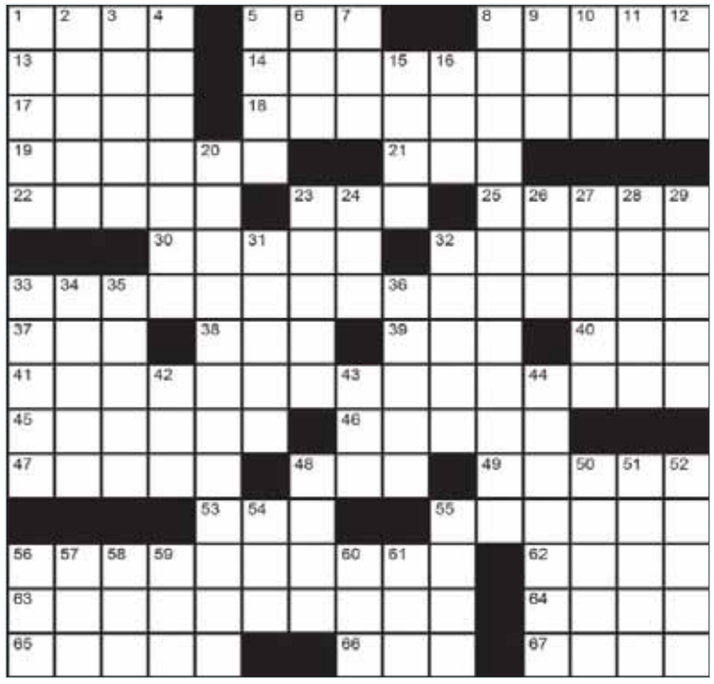
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Before embarking on a course of action that you have no way of knowing will work, ask yourself if it is really what you want. It could be you have made a decision based on emotion rather than common sense.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you want to impress a loved one today you should try something original. Your relationship may have fallen into rut but your feelings for each other are still there.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You can sense that a friend is not happy but what can you do about it? First, find out why they're uphappy. The only way to do that is to ask them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Yesterday's full moon swept away barriers. Let your instincts guide you and don't be afraid to move in a new direction.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. "...just made it!"
5. Alias acronym
8. Astrology sign
13. Tad
14. Vessel for William Kidd: 2 wds.
17. Untruther
18. "My Friend" indie band from Charlottetown: 2 wds.
19. Liveliness
21. Vintage auto
22. Writer Gertrude
23. __ de Janeiro
25. __ brulee (Dessert)
30. Others: Spanish
32. Sashayed
33. _ _ _ _ (Transporters of goods across Canada, e.g.)
37. 'Text' suffix
38. Caviar
39. The Altar constellation
40. Sugary suffix
41. Nackawic, New Brunswick ...with its giant axe tourist attraction, it's not surprising it's known as the '__ __ of Canada'
45. Prehistoric tool materials
46. From __-__-bottom
47. Electoral roster
48. ms. lang's
49. Wearer of the black tutu in Swan Lake
53. Caesar's 56
55. Some flowers
56. Packing material for fragile objects: 2 wds.
62. 1940s outfit, __ suit
63. Spies
64. -ette cousin
65. Croc's pal
66. Pou __ (Vantage point)
67. Honey

Down
1. Log groupings
2. Raise
3. French word to denote a stage in a race
4. "Xena: __ Princess"
5. Scheduled time, briefly
6. Car company
7. Dadaist Jean
8. Dinosaur Toronto's NBA team is named after
9. "It ___." ("Who's there?" reply)
10. P, to Socrates
11. Martini ingredient
12. Roman Myth: Harvest goddess
15. Bubbly bar
16. Uno + due = ?
20. New Matthew McConaughey sci-fi movie
23. Mr. Daltrey
24. 'New' suffix
26. Nutritional suggested amount [acronym]
27. Poet T.S.
28. High IQ society
29. Bygone car
31. Public disturbances
32. Purse part
33. Sleeve sections
34. Rock ' _ '__
35. L'Oreal Paris hair dye brand
36. Shelled 'sandwiches'
42. Lord of the Rings being
43. Since Jan.1st on a financial rpt.
44. __ salt
48. Green inside fruit
50. "This __ __ tough case to crack." ...said the detective
51. Songstress Ms. Lewis
52. Organic compound
54. Animal doctor, briefly
55. __ facto (By the fact itself, in Latin)
56. Impede, __ down
57. Run __ _ bill
58. "You __!" (For sure!)
59. Alec to Stephen, briefly
60. Campers, commonly
61. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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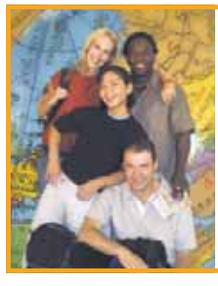

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